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Delegate Handbook



Far West Ski Association

73rd Annual Convention & 75th Anniversary

20th Annual Silent Auction & 18th Annual Travel Expo

Westin, Long Beach, CA

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Schedule of Events

Far West Convention, June 9-12, 2005

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Thu: June 9	3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Delegate / Industry Registration – <i>Centennial Foyer</i> - Lanyards by PRW Sports Luggage , Gift by Mountain Chalet
	5:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Pub Crawl – <i>meet in Westin Lobby at 4:45 PM</i>
Fri: June 10	6:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Golf Tournament – <i>meet in Westin Lobby at 6:00 AM</i> - Sponsored by Snowbasin - A Sun Valley Resort
	9:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Kayaking – <i>meet in Westin Lobby at 9:15 AM</i>
	9:45 AM – 2:00 PM	Queen Mary – <i>meet in Westin Lobby at 9:30 AM</i>
	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Aquarium of the Pacific – <i>meet in Westin Lobby at 9:45 AM</i>
	1:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Industry Registration – <i>Centennial Ballroom</i>
	1:30 PM – 10:00 PM	Delegate Registration – <i>Centennial Foyer</i>
	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Exhibitor & History Booth Set Up – <i>Centennial Ballroom & Foyer</i>
	5:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Exhibitor Meeting – <i>Centennial Ballroom</i>
	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	All Clubs' Happy Hour – <i>Lobby Bar</i>
	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Council's Man & Woman Reception (invitation only) – <i>Suite 1612</i>
	7:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Silent Auction and Dance – <i>Centennial Ballroom</i> - Beer donated by Firestone Beer - Beer hosted by Big Mountain Resort & Grouse Mountain Lodge
Sat: June 11	7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast – <i>Centennial Ballroom</i>
	7:30 AM – 12 noon	Delegate Registration – <i>Centennial Foyer</i>
	8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Opening Session (optional for industry) – <i>Centennial Ballroom</i>
	8:45 AM – 11:15 AM	Travel Expo – <i>Centennial Ballroom & Tokyo/Vancouver & Casablanca/Barcelona</i>
	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Man & Woman of Year Judging – <i>Suite 1612</i> - Sponsored by Big White Ski Area & Silver Star Mountain Resort
	9:30 AM – 12:15 PM	Bid Presentations for 2007 FWSA Ski Week (invitation only) – <i>Melbourne</i>
	9:45 AM – 12:15 PM	Far West Race Association (FWRA) Meeting – <i>Shanghai</i>
	12:30 PM – 1:45 PM	Luncheon & Awards Presentations – <i>Centennial Ballroom</i> - Beer donated by Firestone Beer
		Michael Adams presents a collection of Ansel Adams' photographs - Sponsored by Intrawest Destination Resorts
	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	History Exhibit, Presentations, Reception & Reunion – <i>Third Floor</i> - Desserts sponsored by Aspen/Snowmass - Multi-Media sponsored by Ski Banff, Lake Louise, Sunshine [SkiBig3] - Ice Sculpture donated by Finlandia Vodka
	7:00 PM – Midnight	Awards Banquet & Dance – <i>Centennial Ballroom</i> - Wine donated by Penfolds, Australia and hosted by Vail Resorts
Sun: June 12	7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Eye-Opener Reception hosted by LAC & Single Ski Club – <i>Suite 1612</i>
	8:30 AM – 2:00 PM	FWSA Meeting & Elections (optional for industry) – <i>Centennial Ballroom</i>
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Delegate Brunch – <i>Centennial Ballroom</i>
	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	FWSA General Meeting reconvenes – <i>Centennial Ballroom</i>
	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	FWSA Board of Directors & Trustees Meeting – <i>Centennial Ballroom</i>

Seminars & Conferences have been replaced by History Exhibit, Presentations, Reception and Reunion.

Order of Business

Saturday, June 11, 2005

GENERAL SESSION

Call to Order – 8:00 am.....	Mike Sanford
Introduction of Officers, Trustees, Committee Chairpersons, Council Presidents, FWSA Appointed Representatives, League Chairpersons and Special Guests.	
Credentials Committee Report.....	Sylvia Kearns
Nominations Committee Report.....	Steve Coxen
Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Report.....	Donn Bryant
Communication and Club Awards Report.....	Elaine Cobos
Bylaws Committee Report.....	Randy Lew
Industry Marketing Representative	Jane Wyckoff
Silent Auction Coordinator.....	Barbara Razo
Travel Expo	Bonnie West

RECESS FOR TRAVEL EXPO

Travel Expo – 8:45 am – 11:15 am

Sunday, June 12, 2005

GENERAL SESSION RECONVENED

Call to Order – 8:30 am.....	Mike Sanford
FWSA General Meeting and Election of Officers 8:30 am – 2:00 pm	
RECESS FOR BRUNCH AND HOTEL CHECKOUT – 10:30 am	
GENERAL SESSION RECONVENED – 11:31 am	
Order and timeframe of Sunday session to be determined by the FWSA President	

Order of Business

Sunday, June 12, 2005 continued

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR GENERAL SESSION (Continued)

Secretary's Report.....	Candee Marsh
Acceptance of Minutes from 2004 Annual Meeting	
Credentials Committee Report.....	Sylvia Kearns
Parliamentarian's Report.....	John Watson
Voting on proposed Bylaw Amendments.....	Randy Lew
Nominations of Candidates for Officers & Trustees.....	Steve Coxen
Speeches by Candidates (3 minutes time limit each)	
Election and voting for new President, Trustees, and Officers	
Substantive Resolutions	
Treasurer's Report.....	Nancy Kelly
Board of Trustees Report.....	Randy Lew
Industry Marketing Report (Silent Auction).....	Barbara Razo
FWSA Officers' Reports.....	FWSA VPs
FWRA President Report.....	Bob Ellis
FWSA Committee Reports.....	Committee Chairs
FWSA 2006 Convention Report.....	Steve Coxen/Arleigh Meiners
Old Business.....	Mike Sanford
New Business.....	Mike Sanford
Introduction of Newly Elected Officers and Trustees.....	Mike Sanford
Adjournment.....	FWSA President

You are invited to the **Far West**



Silent Auction

Friday, June 10, 2005, 7-11 PM

Westin Long Beach, Centennial Ballroom

333 East Ocean Beach Blvd., Long Beach, CA,



Early Bird Happy Hour 5-7 PM

Stop by the Westin Lobby Bar for Drink and Appetizer **SPECIALS!**

Bid on Great Vacation Deals

More than \$100,000 of great vacation deals—

Deeply discounted trips for you to bid on at the Annual Far West Silent Auction and Dance.

Ski, Snowboard & Summer trips offered by *Aspen, Intrawest, Banff, Sunshine, Lake Louise, Vail Resorts, Big White, Silver Star, Snowbasin,* and **SO MANY MORE!**

Meet Celebrities & Olympians—

Glen Plake, Dave & Roma McCoy, Deb Armstrong, Michael Adams (son of Ansel Adams), Jimmie Heuga, Nancy Greene, Billy Kidd, plus others.

Dancing & Hosted Drink—

Drink hosted by *Big Mountain Resort & Grouse Mountain Lodge, Montana*



revised Apr 2005

Open to the Public! Invite your friends!

A percentage of the proceeds will benefit **The Heuga Center for MS**

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FWSA
Convention

Travel Expo 2005

Instructions for Delegates

Meet with the Ski & Travel Industry Up Close & Personal

Greetings

Welcome to the 3rd annual Far West Travel Expo. Whether you've participated in past Travel Expos or are new this year, here are some tips to help you get the most out of your experience. *The Travel Expo is open to all registered delegates— voting & non-voting.*

First of all, keep in mind that the Travel Expo is important to the ski industry, therefore we must insure that our time with them is valuable and worthwhile— for both parties. The industry pays a lot of money to participate in our convention. Their future participation and support is based on return value. It's up to all of us to make sure that their time with us is of value so they will keep coming back.

The Expo—

The Travel Expo is a form where delegates can meet with the ski industry (resorts, operators and suppliers), up close and personal in a pre-scheduled 10-minute appointment format. These appointments are held every 15 minutes on the quarter hour starting at 9:15 AM and ending at 11:15 AM, giving you **eight** opportunities to meet with the ski industry. We are asking that delegates take advantage of all **eight** appointments.

There will be a maximum of 4 people per appointment. In some cases, the industry may choose to meet with less than 4 people. Please respect their wishes. We are asking that no one club take all four spots for any one meeting unless the industry requests it.

Signing Up for Appointments—

Your "Travel Expo Passport" will be given to you when you enter the Silent Auction. The Passport is for you to record your appointments. Make sure you also record your appointment on the industry's sign-up sheet. If you miss the Silent Auction, you can pick up a Passport at Saturday's registration.

You will have two opportunities to sign up.

- Sign up with industry during the Silent Auction on Friday from 7 - 11 PM.
- There will also be an opportunity to sign up on Saturday from 8:45 - 9:15 AM during the half hour prior to the scheduled meetings.

Meeting Suggestions—

We strongly recommend that you schedule a few resorts, at least one tour operator and a supplier that you have not visited or used before.

If after the two sign-up periods, your appointment card is not totally booked, use your open times to meet with any industry person who also doesn't have a scheduled appointment at those times.

If someone from the industry specifically asks you for an appointment, try to accommodate their request.

Expo time should not be used for finalizing a trip already in the works. Use the time on Friday night for this or schedule time with this vendor for another time.

Feel free to pass out your business card and club profile at your meeting.

There will be separate instructions for those involved in the Far West Ski Week Bidding, Man & Woman of the Year judging and the FWRA meeting. These meetings are by invitation only.

Meeting Etiquette—

Remember, even if you are not your club's travel person, you are representing your club and will be bringing information & recommendations back to your board.

Be on time for your appointment. Don't linger past your scheduled time.

Be respectful of others at your appointments and try not monopolize the conversation.

If you see an industry person without an appointment, take the time to stop, chat for a few minutes, thank them, pick up their literature, ask a question, and leave a business card.

Do **NOT** ask industry to sign your Passport if you haven't sat down for a meeting with them. This gives them the bad impression that you don't care about their product/support and are just playing the game.

The Meetings—

The meetings this year will be in the Centennial Ballroom and a couple of break-out rooms. We will attempt to have industry seated in alphabetical order. Announcements will be made for the beginning and end of all appointments.

For those of you who make **ALL eight** appointments, you will be entered into a drawing for a ground package (no air) for one on the trip to Telluride with Far West, February 4-11, 2006.

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History & Legends Reception

Schedule Saturday, June 11, 2005, 2-5 PM

Room	2:00 - 3:00 PM	3:00 - 4:00 PM	Sharing of History* 4:00 - 5:00 PM
Ocean Terrace West & Foyer	Legends Reception		
Centennial Ballroom		Multimedia Show	
Barcelona/Casablanca Room			Early Days of Ski Resorts - Dick Kun, Stephanie Neff, Caroline Beteta, Doug Pfeiffer (moderator Steve Coxen)
Tokyo/Vancouver Room			World of Free Skiing – Glen Plake, Chris Davenport, Bob Salerno (moderator Scott Bowker)
Shanghai Room			Challenges in Skiing – Jimmie Heuga, Doug Pringle (moderator Sigrid Noack)
Melbourne Room			Growing Up with Far West – (moderator John Watson)

2:00-3:00 PM Legends Reception – Ocean Terrace West and the Foyer

Meet your favorite legends. Also scheduled photo shoots in Foyer— Far West Service Award Winners, Past Presidents, Councils’ Man & Woman. Check posted schedule for time and location.

3:00-4:00 PM Multimedia Show – Centennial Ballroom

Desserts and sweets plus featured drink in the Centennial Ballroom. The reception continues in the ballroom with the showing of videos, movies, slide shows, and more.

4:00-5:00 PM Sharing of History* – Third Floor Meeting Rooms

Early Days of Ski Resorts – Barcelona/Casablana Rooms

World of Free Skiing – Tokyo/Vancouver Rooms

Challenges in Skiing – Shanghai Room

Growing Up with Far West – Melbourne Room.

* Please note that this is a preliminary list of guests which is subject to change.

2:00-5:00 PM History Exhibits – Centennial Ballroom & Foyer

Meet your favorite legends. Also scheduled photo shoots in Foyer— Far West Service Award Winners, Past Presidents, Councils’ Man & Woman. Check posted schedule for time and location.

Appetizers sponsored by **Aspen/Snowmass.**

Multimedia sponsored by **Big 3 - Ski Banff, Lake Louise, Sunshine.**

Ice Sculpture donated by **Finlandia Vodka.**

Welcome

From Mike Sanford, President of Far West Ski Association

Welcome to all club delegates, invited guests and industry sponsors attending the 73rd Annual Meeting and Convention of Far West Ski Association in Long Beach, California. We are celebrating the 75th Anniversary of FWSA.

This weekend is a showcase for Far West, a celebration of our history and accomplishments, an opportunity to renew friendships, a period of time we set aside to do the Association's business and our most important chance to build on our relationships with our snowsports industry partners. This year is especially important as it marks our 75th year of existence and an opportunity to celebrate a truly significant milestone.

My thanks and appreciation goes out to both the FWSA Convention Committee and all the Los Angeles Council volunteers who put in many hours of work to make this Convention a success. I would especially like to thank the LA Council committee who worked many hours on the Convention over the past 20 months: **Committee Chair Catherine Ohl, Registrar Karen James and all the activity organizers.** Also in line for a pat on the back are the FWSA Standing Convention Committee **Steve Coxen, Nancy Kelly and Scott Bowker.** Their Committee of volunteers has done a great job in performing all the groundwork to keep the local effort enthusiastic and productive. And of course, we all owe a debt of gratitude to our Silent Auction Chairperson **Barbara Razo** and our Industry Liaison **Jane Wyckoff** who just keep pulling the rabbit out of the hat on the auction and keeping our sponsors happy. Please take time to read the list of Convention Committee Volunteers in this book and thank them personally for their hard work.

The annual Silent Auction on Friday night and our third Travel Expo on Saturday is an excellent opportunity for all attendees to meet with representatives of the ski resorts. **Barbara, Jane and Catherine Ohl** have done a terrific job coordinating these events for all of us. Please visit with as many representatives as you can and thank them for their support of Far West. You will find a wealth of information from resorts to take back to your clubs for planning your travel activities. Remember our relationship with the ski industry is key to the success of FWSA, its clubs and councils.

I would also like to thank **Catherine Ohl** for continuing the updating of our Convention Awards Book. She has accumulated more accurate information each year and has refined the Awards Book in to one of the finest presentations of our storied history available. We now actually use it as a gift and communication article for many of our resort visits and letters to industry contacts. This excellent synopsis of the history of Far West and the Awards Program serves as a great educational tool and should be shared with your club and council members who could not attend this Convention.

Saturday we will also have **Dr. Michael Adams** (Ansel's son) as a featured luncheon speaker. This year we are replacing the normal Leadership Information Seminars with reunion/reception that will follow lunch. In the afternoon we will have a reception, followed by a multi-media show and introduction of our special guests. That will be followed by a few forums at which some of our guests will be invited to speak on topics of interest such as extreme skiing, challenged skiers and charitable opportunities and we hope to have some notable public affairs issues. There will be other special guests and probably a surprise or two. This is a great opportunity to mingle with the folks who got us here plus the FWSA volunteers and show our appreciation for the work they have done.

On the history side of the event we are very excited to have a large line-up of history related displays planned. In addition to the clubs and councils who will be displaying their histories we have commitments from the museums at Mammoth Lakes, the US Hall of Fame and Museum, Western Ski Sport Museum and the Mount Hood Cultural Center Museum. We may have the Vermont Ski Museum and the Colorado Ski Museum as well. We also have

commitments from the California Ski History Library and Western Lost Ski Areas Program. The 10th Mountain Division is providing a group of Veterans who will man a display booth representing their history.

The Awards Banquet on Saturday night will be the high point of the weekend. There we recognize the people who have made significant contributions during the year to Far West Ski Association, their clubs and councils. Their efforts keep FWSA the strong organization it has become today, a Nationally recognized organization and **“The Voice of the Western Skier.”**

This is my second year as your President and I want to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve. It has been a challenging experience and I thank our Board of Directors, Trustees and Council Presidents for their support and help. They have done an outstanding job in making FWSA a better organization. We have many goals and a lot more to accomplish on behalf of our membership. Lastly, thanks to my Angel of a wife. Her patience and support are indispensable.



The City of Long Beach

BEVERLY O'NEILL, MAYOR

May 2, 2005

Dear Attendee:

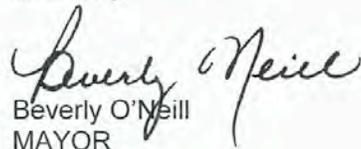
On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I would like to extend a sincere and cordial welcome to the Far West Ski Association as you meet in our beautiful seaside community for your Conference.

Long Beach offers five and one-half miles of white Pacific beaches, several award winning hotels and a variety of restaurants with a worldly array of cuisine. We don't believe there is another city in the country that can match the quality and service levels of the exhibit facilities we have to offer. We are centrally located to the Southland's best attractions like the Aquarium of the Pacific, Queen Mary, Disneyland, Universal Studios, and Catalina Island. Brighten this picture with 350 days of sunshine each year and you begin to describe Southern California's most picturesque convention and vacation destination.

I know you will also feel the warmth and welcome of our citizens, and will leave our city with the definite feeling that you have attended a meeting in a city that cared. Amidst our cosmopolitan atmosphere, Long Beach still maintains its art of caring for our visitors with genuine hospitality. I know the experience in our city will encourage you to return time and again.

Long Beach is the right choice for your convention and we're looking forward to welcoming you to the "*Big City By The Beach*".

Sincerely,


Beverly O'Neill
MAYOR

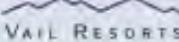
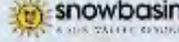
Event Sponsors

Far West's
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Celebrating 73 years of Excellence



by Jane Wyckoff, Industry Marketing Representative

We extend our appreciation to the following sponsors of Far West Ski Association's 73rd Anniversary Convention. Their generous support was a significant contribution to the financial success of our very special celebration. By offering Convention costs through the sponsorship program, we were able to offer special historical events and programs this year, as well as provide an affordable delegate registration fee.

Event	Sponsor	Web Site
Saturday Luncheon	 Intrawest Destination Resorts	www.intrawest.com
Snowsport History Reunion & Reception Desserts	 Aspen/Snowmass, Colorado	www.aspensnowmass.com
Councils' Men & Women of the Year	  Big White Ski Resort Silver Star Mountain Resort British Columbia, Canada	www.bigwhite.com www.silverstar.com
Snowsport History Reunion & Reception Ice Sculpture	 Finlandia Vodka	www.brownforman.com
Snowsport History Reunion & Reception Multi Media	 SkiBig3— Banff, Lake Louise, Sunshine, Alberta, Canada	www.skibig3.com
Awards Banquet Wine Host	 Vail Resorts (Heavenly, Vail, Breckenridge, Beaver Creek, Keystone), Colorado	www.snow.com
Friday Welcome Party	  Big Mountain Resort, Montana Grouse Mountain Lodge, Montana	www.skiwhitefish.com www.mountanasfinest.com
Golf Tournament	 Snowbasin, a Sun Valley Resort, Utah	www.snowbasin.com
Awards Banquet Wine Donated	 Penfolds Wine from Australia	www.penfolds.com
Silent Auction & Luncheon	 Firestone Walker Brewing Co.	www.firestonebrew.com
Delegate Badge Lanyards	 PRW SPORTS LUGGAGE PRW Sports Luggage, Ohio	www.prwsportsluggage.com
Delegate Gift	 Mountain Chalet, Florida	www.mchalet.net
Grand Prize Travel Expo	 Far West Ski Association Travel Program	www.fwsa.org
Eye Opener	  Los Angeles Ski Club of Councils Single Ski Club	www.lacouncil.org www.singleskiclub.com

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Participants

by Barbara Razo & Jane Wyckoff

The Far West Ski Association and Los Angeles Council extend their appreciation and sincere gratitude to the 20th Annual Silent Auction and Travel Carousel participants. The success of this event is made possible by the continued support from our industry partners to the efforts of our Association. Please include these industry partners in your travel plans for 2005-2006.

Adventures on Skis, MS
Alaska Airlines
All Trans, WY
Alpine Meadows Ski Area, CA
Angel Fire Resort, NM
Aspen Mountain Lodge, CO
Aspen/Snowmass, CO
Avis Car Rental, UT
Banff Lodging Company, Alberta, Canada
Beaver Run, CO
Ben Lomond Historical Suite Hotel, UT
Betty Donellan – Sengence Distributor
Big Mountain Resort, MT
Big Sky Resort, MT
Big White Ski Resort, BC, Canada
Breckenridge Lodging & Hospitality, CO
Cal Neva Resort, Spa & Casino, NV
Chuck Morse, FWSA CA
Crested Butte Mountain Resort, CO
Daman-Nelson Travel, CA
Davis Area CVB, UT
Deer Valley Resort, UT
Delta Airlines, UT
Destination Rockies–Vail Landmark Prop, CO
Destination Hotels, CO
El Dorado Ranch, Baja, Mexico
Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, AL, Canada
Fairmont Hotels & Resorts, AL, Canada
Fechin Inn, NM
Forest Suites Resort, CA
Golfatwhistler.com
Grouse Mountain Lodge, MT
Hampton Inn-Layton, UT
Harrah's/Harvey's South Lake Tahoe, NV
Hearthstone Lodge, BC, Canada
Heavenly Mountain Resort, CA
Homewood Mountain Resort, CA
Inn at the Seventh Mountain, OR
Inn at Snakedance, NM
Intrawest Destinations, BC, Canada
Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, WY
Jackson Hole Resort Lodging, WY
Lakeland Village Resort, NV
Lake Tahoe Cruises, NV
Les Suites Tremblant, Canada
Lodge at Whitefish Lake
Mammoth Mountain Inn, CA
Mammoth Ski Resort, CA
Masa's Bar & Grill, BC, Canada
Miracle Springs Resort & Spa, CA
Moguls Mountain Travel, CO
Montrose Travel, CA
Mont Tremblant Resort, Canada
Mountain Chalet, FL
Mountain Lodge at Telluride, CO
Mountain Resorts, CO
Mt. Bachelor, OR
Mt. Rose-Ski Tahoe, NV
Northstar At Tahoe, CA
Ogden Hampton Inn & Suites, UT
Ogden Marriot, UT
Ogden/Weber Convention Visitors Bureau
Park City Mountain Resort, UT
Park City Transportation, UT
Perimeter Transport, BC, Canada
Pine Lodge, MO
Powder Mountain Ski Resort, UT
PRW Sports Luggage, OH
Purgatory/Durango Mountain Resort, CO
Radisson Inn Park City, UT
Red Express
Red Property Management, Canada
Red Resorts, Canada
Resorts of the Canadian Rockies, AB, Canada
Rocky Mountain Tours, CO
Panorama Mountain Village, BC, Canada
Perimeter Transportation, BC, Canada
Salt Lake Convention & Visitors Bureau, UT
Schweitzer Mountain Resort
Sierra At Tahoe, CA
Silver Mountain, ID
Silver Star Mountain Resort, BC, Canada
Ski Banff-Lake Louise-Sunshine, Alberta, Canada
Ski n See, UT
Skiatwhistler.com
Snowbasin Ski Resort, UT
Snowbird Ski & Summer Resort, UT
Snow King Resort
Snow Tours, NJ
Snowmass Resort Association, CO
Sportours, CO
Sports America Tours, CA
Steamboat Resorts, CO
Steamboat Ski and Resort Corporation, CO
Sunshine Village, Alberta, Canada
Sun Peaks Resort Corporation, BC, Canada
Sun Valley Company, ID
Sunriver Resort, OR
Sunstar Hotels, Switzerland
Sun Star Shuttle, Canada
Swiss International Airlines, Switzerland
Swiss Rail, Switzerland
Switzerland Tourism, Switzerland
Taos Ski Valley, NM
Telluride Ski Resort, CO
Teton Mountain Lodge, WY
The Canyons, UT
The Cruise Company of Modesto, CA
The Great Divide Lodge, CO
The Parking Spot, CA
The Riverhouse Hotel & Resort, OR
The Stonebridge Inn, CO
The Village at Squaw Valley USA, NV
Tourism Whistler, BC, Canada
Vail Resorts, CO
Whistler/Blackcomb, British Columbia, Canada
Winter Park Resort, CO
World on Skis, NJ
Zephyr Cove Snowmobile Center, NV

Our FWSA Industry Family continues to grow strong and deep. We look forward to our next gathering of this wonderful partnership in Scottsdale for the 21st Annual FWSA Silent Auction and Travel Expo at the 74th Annual FWSA Convention. This is a must see venue and an enriching cultural experience not to be missed.

Convention VIPs

Host Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs

FWSA President	Mike Sanford
Los Angeles Council Convention Coordinator	Catherine Ohl
Los Angeles Council President	Jacquie Nemor [03-05], Rinda Wohlwend [05-06]
FWSA Convention Coordinator	Steve Coxen
FWSA Silent Auction Coordinator	Barbara Razo
FWSA Convention Sponsorship Coordinator	Jane Wyckoff
Liquor Sponsorship Coordinator	Gene Fulkerson
Other Sponsorships	Andy Vogel
Registration	Karen James
Registration Sign-In by Grindelwald Ski Club	Fay Mumbauer
Accounting	Ray Craig, Nancy Kelly
Secretary	Nancy Goettling
Hotel Liaison & Banquet Coordinator	Pat Nangle
Hotel Liaison Assistant	Nancy Sanford
History Exhibit Coordinator	John James
History Reunion, Reception & Presentations Coordinator	Steve Coxen
Travel Expo Coordinator	Bonnie West
Pub Crawl Coordinators	Britt & Dolly Johnson
Golf Tournament	Ed Knott
Optional Event & Transportation Overall Coordinator	Kay Cofield
Aquarium of the Pacific	Donna Estrin
Queen Mary	Mary Albritton
Kayaking	Barb Kedwards
Man & Woman of the Year Reception [hosted by LA Council]	Patricia Ortiz
Eye Opener Party [hosted by LA Council & Single Ski Club]	Wags Waghorn
Entertainment & Decorations	Iris Williams
Publicity	Laura Priess
Convention Pins	Carol Nachtwey Shook
Volunteer Coordinator	Judith Miller
Awards Book Editor	Catherine Ohl
Council's Man & Woman of the Year	Donn Bryant
Delegate & Leadership Books Editor	Scott Bowker
Travel Expo Prize Donations	Debbi Kor
Parliamentarian	John Watson
Awards Chairman	Susie Vetter
Photographer	Jim Denger
Videographer	Kay Cofield
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Dr. Michael Adams

Dr. Michael Adams, son of photographer Ansel Adams, is a retired internist, retired Major General in the Air National Guard/USAF, and Chairman of the Board of the Ansel Adams Galleries in Yosemite and Monterey. When he is not flying, skiing, or sight seeing, he returns to Fresno and University Medical Center to volunteer as an attending physician in the Adult Clinic.

Dr. Adams received his M.D. from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO. He then served a rotating internship at the Malcolm Grow Medical Center, Andrews AFB, Washington, DC, then completed the Primary Course in Aerospace Medicine at Brooks AFB, TX, and reported to the 36th Fighter Wing, Bitburg Air Base, Germany, as a Flight Surgeon.

Dr. Adams was returned to flight status as a Pilot-Physician flying the F-4D as an Aircraft Commander, combining his prior fighter-pilot career (F-86 Sabre/F-100 Super Sabre) with that of flight medicine. After completing that tour of duty, he returned to Fresno and then Valley Medical Center for his three year categorical Internal Medicine residency.

Upon completion of his residency, Dr. Adams chose to stay in Fresno in private practice. Dr. Adams continued to serve in the California Air National Guard in Fresno, as Flight Surgeon, Clinic Commander, and then the Air National Guard Assistant to the Strategic Air Command Surgeon during the 1st Gulf War.

He completed his military career and retired a Major General as Deputy Surgeon General of the USAF for Air National Guard Affairs.

Dr. Adams practiced internal medicine for 20 years in a solo practice and 5 additional years with the Northwest Medical Group. He retired in 2000 at age 67.



Ansel Adams

Photographer

Adams, Ansel (Feb. 20 1902 – Apr. 22, 1984) www.anseladams.com, photographer and environmentalist, was born in San Francisco, California, the only child of Charles Hitchcock Adams, a businessman, and Olive Bray. The most important result of Adams's somewhat solitary and unmistakably different childhood was the joy that he found in nature, as evidenced by his taking long walks in the still-wild reaches of the Golden Gate. Ansel's nose was broken by a backyard tumble during an aftershock of the San Francisco earthquake of April 1906. Adams went through life looking "like a portrait begun by El Greco and finished by Goya" as biographer Nancy Newhall noted in "The Eloquent Light". When Adams was twelve he taught himself to play the piano and read music.

Ansel Adams first came to Yosemite National Park in 1916 when he was 14 years old with a Kodak No 1 Box Brownie camera. In 1919 at age 17 he joined the Sierra Club and spent the first of four summers in Yosemite

Valley, as caretaker of the club's LeConte Memorial Lodge, still planning a career as a concert pianist. This goal brought him in close contact with the Bests (Harry, Anne & daughter Virginia), and Ansel soon found himself visiting the Best's Studio as much for the company as to practice the piano. Best allowed Adams to practice on his Chickering square piano - one of only two pianos in Yosemite Valley at the time. On January 2, 1928, Ansel Adams and Virginia Best were married in the newly constructed Best's Studio in the "new village" in Yosemite Valley. Ansel served on the Sierra Club's board from 1934-1971.

His first published photographs and writings appeared in the Sierra Club's 1922 Bulletin, and he had his first one man exhibition in 1928 at the club's San Francisco headquarters. Ansel had published, with the help of Albert Bender, his first portfolio in 1927, "Parmelian Prints of the High Sierra".

Ansel and Virginia had two children, Michael, born in 1933 in Yosemite, and Anne, born in 1935 in San Francisco. The family split its time between San Francisco, where Ansel still maintained the family home, and Yosemite. During the Second World War the family moved to Yosemite year round, and the children grew up in this idyllic spot.

In 1933 the Delphic Gallery gave Adams his first New York show. His first series of technical articles was published in Camera Craft in 1934, and his first widely distributed book, Making a Photograph, appeared in 1935. Most important, in 1936 Alfred Stieglitz gave Adams a one-man show at An American Place. Adams was compelled to spend much of his time as a commercial photographer. Clients ran the gamut, including the Yosemite concessionaire, the National Park Service, Kodak, Zeiss, IBM, AT&T, a small women's college, a dried fruit company, and Life, Fortune, and Arizona Highways magazines – in short, everything from portraits to catalogues to Coloramas. He served as principal photographic consultant to Polaroid starting in 1949 and to Hasselblad later.

Virginia Best Adams operated the Studio until 1971, when she and Ansel turned the company over to Michael and Jeanne Adams, their son and daughter-in-law. During this time, the name of the business was changed to The Ansel Adams Gallery to reflect the primary focus of photography, and the powerful legacy that Ansel had in photography and environmental conservation. Photography and conservation are embodied in the person and work of Ansel Adams, and it is the purpose of the Gallery to encourage the values, efforts, and sense of awe that Ansel held and personified.

Adams developed the famous and highly complex "zone system" of controlling and relating exposure and development, enabling photographers to creatively visualize an image and produce a photograph that matched and expressed that visualization. He produced ten volumes of technical manuals on photography, which are the most influential books ever written on the subject. His images became the symbols, the veritable icons, of wild America. Adams was the last and defining figure in the romantic tradition of nineteenth-century American landscape painting and photography. Ansel won three Guggenheim fellowships in 1946, 1948, 1958. Adams was the author of seven portfolios of original prints and more than 30 books. Many of the black-and-white photos of skiers and toboggan riders on display at The Ahwahnee in Yosemite Valley were taken by Ansel.

As John Swarkowski said in the introduction to "Ansel Adams Classic Images" (1985) "Adams's subject matter, the magnificent natural beauty of the West, was absolutely, unmistakably American. More than any other influential American of his epoch, Adams believed in both the possibility and the probability of humankind living in harmony and balance with its environment.

In a 1970 Chubb fellowship lecture at Yale University, Adams said, "Wilderness, to me at least, is a 'mystique'; a valid, intangible, non-materialistic experience. The right to experience is a fundamental right, just as is the right to possess, the right to believe or the right to work or right to security."

"I hope that my work will encourage self expression in others and stimulate the search for beauty and creative excitement in the great world around us." -Ansel Adams

Deb Armstrong

1984 Olympic GS Gold Medalist



Debbie Armstrong will be joining us again at the 2005 FWSA Convention in Long Beach. The bouncy, effervescent Debbie was a surprise winner in the women's giant slalom at the 1984 Winter Olympics. A fine athlete, she began skiing at the age of three and starred in basketball and soccer in high school. After graduating in 1980, she concentrated on ski racing.

She was named to the U.S. downhill team to take part in international competition, but a broken leg in training ended her season. Debbie was relatively little known going into the Olympics, although she finished second in the U. S. national combined in 1983. Her best World Cup finish was a third place in a super giant slalom early in 1984.

At the Olympics, Debbie had the second fastest time in the first run, .1 second behind teammate **Christin Cooper**. Debbie had only the fourth best time in the second run, but Cooper's run was fifth best, allowing Armstrong to win the gold. Asked by a sportswriter what she'd had to sacrifice to become a champion, she replied, "Nothing. Skiing is my life. That's what I love to do. It's fun."



Since retiring from skiing competition after the 1988 Calgary Olympics, Debbie has made significant contributions to her community — tackling issues such as drug abuse and bringing skiing to the disabled "Returning home, after I won my medal, I asked myself how can I use my 'celebrity' to make my community a better place to live," said Armstrong. "Skiing enabled me to not only lend my name, but to actively participate in some very important endeavors and I look forward to being involved in other projects."

- In 1987, she founded the "Debbie Armstrong Say No to Alcohol and Drugs Campaign" in partnership with the Washington State Substance Abuse Coalition. The program started at her old high school and expanded to include more than 150 schools across the state. Over six years, more than 200,000 young people pledged in writing to say no to drugs and alcohol.
- In 1988 **Governor Booth Gardner** appointed Debbie to the Washington State Governor's Alliance Against Drugs.
- Also in 1988, Debbie founded the "Walk with Debbie Armstrong" campaign which has raised over \$100,000 for the SKIFORALL Foundation www.skiforall.org, a non-profit in Washington State dedicated to providing skiing and other outdoor sports instruction and activities to persons with disabilities.

Debbie's involvement in non-profit organizations has been far reaching. Debbie returned to Sarajevo, where she won Gold, as a member and spokesperson for Global Relief Sarajevo, an organization involved with the reforestation of Sarajevo following the loss of trees during the Bosnian war. The program will replant 300,000 trees on the war-ravaged hillsides around Sarajevo and 3,000 trees on the streets of the ancient city. For details, click on www.american-forests.org.

Debbie is currently a member of the Ernie Blake Ski School at Taos Ski Valley www.skitaos.org. We are pleased to have her back with us because she is a notable Olympian and because her causes are close to each of our hearts — the environment and the Olympics. Not to mention, Debbie has become a favorite of ours and a true friend of FWSA

Caroline Beteta

Executive Director, CA Travel & Tourism Commission (CTTC)

California Travel & Tourism Commission (CTTC) is a nonprofit organization with a mission to develop and maintain marketing programs in partnership with California's travel industry – that keep California to of mind as a premier travel destination, and thus, result in a steady and increasing stream of visitor expenditures. The CTTC, working together with the California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency's Division of Tourism, make up "California Tourism". CTTC is based in Sacramento, CA.

CTTC's 2005-06 marketing plan has a budget of approximately \$7 million. Visitor spending in California reached \$82.5 billion in 2004 which represented a 7.4% increase over 2003. In 2004 travel spending in California directly supported 892,600 jobs with earnings of \$26.5 billion. Travel spending in 2004 also generated \$1.9 billion in local taxes and \$3.3 billion in state taxes. In 2004 31.6 million domestic traveled to California by air, an increase of 17% over 2003. Spending by international visitors comprises more than 15% of all travel spending in the state. Californians accounted for 85% of domestic travel (254 million person trips) and out of state visitors accounted for 45 million person-trips. California's share of domestic travel market in 2003 was 10.7% which made it the #1 most visited state in America. International visitors in 2003 included 4 million overseas visitors; 890,000 travelers from Canada; 439,000 from Mexico by air; and approximately 3 million Mexicans came by car.

CTTC leverages the core "California, Find Yourself Here" branding campaign with over 20 cooperative marketing programs. Some of these programs include California Snow, California Golf, California Outdoor Recreation, The Best of California television series and website, Shop California, Culture California, Wild Vacations in California, and California Fun Spots. The 2005 California Visitor Guide is available on the CTTC website www.visitcalifornia.com.

Chris Davenport

1996 World Extreme Skiing Champion



Chris Davenport, of Aspen Colorado, is considered one of the world's most accomplished big mountain skiers. A former alpine downhill racer, Chris made his mark in the freeskiing community when he won the 1996 World Extreme Skiing Championships in Alaska. In 2000, he managed to land on the podium in each Freeskiing World Tour event he participated in, and concluded the season by winning his second World Championship at the 2001 Red Bull Snow Thrill of Alaska.

In addition to his competitive prowess, Chris is a contributor to several ski publications, and has been featured in over a dozen feature ski films, including those from Warren Miller Entertainment and Matchstick Productions. Chris is also a TV reporter and color commentator for ESPN and ABC Sports.

Under the auspices of his company, Davenport Mountain Sport Inc., Chris has organized numerous events, including ski photo competitions and the U.S. National Paragliding Championships. During the 2004 season,

Chris will guide consumer based adventure skiing camps in Colorado, Canada, and France. He is an avid mountaineer, with ascents of summits around the globe under his belt.

When not traveling around the world, Chris recreates around Aspen and Snowmass with his wife Jesse and sons Stian and Topher.

Charity Affiliations

- Tyler Hamilton Foundation, David Bridges Memorial Foundation, National MS Society

Other Interests

- Rock, Ice, Alpine Climbing, expeditions to big and remote ranges of the world, road and mountain biking, paragliding, surfing and photography

Sponsors

- Red Bull, Aspen/ Snowmass, Salomon, Giro, Smith, Da Kine, Swix, Black Diamond, Clif Bar

Career Highlights

- 1996 World Extreme Skiing Champion
- 1996 24 Hours of Aspen: 2nd
- 1996 New Zealand Heli Challenge Champion
- 1997 Jackson Hole Big Mountain Contest: 2nd
- 1998 ESPN X-Games Bronze Medal
- 1998 24 Hours of Aspen Champion
- 2000 Canadian Freeskiing Championships - Blackcomb: 2nd
- 2000 NBC Gravity Games Big Mountain Contest: 2nd
- 2000 N.A. Freeskiing Championships - Snowbird: 3rd
- 2000 Red Bull Snowthrill of Alaska, IFSA World Freeskiing Championships: 1st
- 2000 Rip Curl Heli Challenge, New Zealand: 3rd (1st on Extreme day)
- 2001 Red Bull UltraCross Champion
- 2002 Powder Magazine Reader's Pole Award
- 2002 Red Bull Snowthrill of Alaska World Champion's Choice Award (with photographer Scott Markewitz)
- 2002 NEA Award Nominee (World Extreme Sports Awards)
- 2003 Voted one of Aspen's 100 Most Influential People, Sojourner Magazine Media

Films

- Three Warren Miller Films
- 8 MatchStick Productions Films
- several other independent films

Television

- 1997-1999: 12 ESPN Ski World TV Shows
- 2000-2003: Color commentator and analyst for ESPN and ABC Sports X Games
- 1999-2003: TV Host for 24 Hours of Aspen
- Featured in shows on Fox Sports, ESPN, OLN, TNN, NBC, and numerous European stations.
- 2 nationally aired network TV commercials, for Salomon and Planet Outdoors.com

Print Media

- Feature articles or photographs in the following publications: Sports Illustrated, ESPN the Magazine, USA Today, Men's Journal, Outside, Skiing, Ski, Powder, Freeskier, Freeze, SBC Skier, Bike Magazine, Couloir, and Aspen Magazine. Featured in publications in Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and most European countries.
- Published articles for Powder, Skiing, Daily Mail Ski (U.K.) and Aspen Magazine

Other

- Guiding road cycling tours during the summer 2004 in Europe with Inside Track Tours, following races like the Tour De France, The Dauphine Libere, The Tour of Switzerland, and the Vuelta de Espana.

Jimmie Heuga

1964 Olympic Slalom Bronze Medalist

Jimie Heuga exemplifies the best of the Far West Ski Association. He is a product of the Far West Junior Racing Program and the Lake Tahoe Ski Club. He started skiing at age three with his father at Squaw Valley, participated in many Sacramento Bee races and, ultimately, made the US Ski Team.

At age 9, he starred in a Warren Miller film. A dozen years later he collected the bronze medal in the 1964 Innsbruck Olympic slalom, joining silver medalist Billy Kidd as the country's first male alpine skiers to earn Olympic medals. A week after the Olympics, Jimmie won the slalom at the prestigious Arlberg-Kandahar in Garmisch, Germany, a win that was just recently duplicated by Daron Rahlves. In 1966, he finished fourth in the combined at the World Championships in Portillo, Chile.



He completed in the 1962 and 1968 World Championships, won a World Cup third overall in 1967 in giant slalom. He retired from amateur competition after the 1968 Grenoble Olympics, where he had two top 10 finishes. He was inducted into the National Ski Hall of Fame in 1976.

Jimie's greatest challenge commenced with disturbing health indications in 1967 and final diagnosis in 1970 as having Multiple Sclerosis (MS). Ignoring his doctors' advice to avoid physical activity, Jimmie forced himself to get back on his bike, his sailboat and his skis — to work through the pain and challenge of MS. "I can't worry about the things I'm unable to do. I focus on the things I can do."

In 1984, he founded the Heuga Center, a nonprofit medical and educational center based near Vail, Colorado. It promotes the benefits of exercise and nutrition for people with chronic conditions such as MS. "I could not have dealt with my MS without my ski background and all that it taught me." The Center has raised \$11 million and helped 3,500 people deal with chronic diseases. In 1996, a scientific study concluded that Heuga was right all along: Exercise is beneficial to people with MS.



Though now confined to a wheelchair and a health-care facility on Colorado's Front Range, Heuga maintains his positive outlook. "From one side, I abhor being here, but from the other side I say, 'Life goes on.' Sometimes you can't call the shots. I still exercise here every day." He also manages to go sit-skiing on occasion with his three children in Vail. "That's given me a tremendous amount of joy."

Thirty-eight years after his historic Innsbruck triumph, Heuga served as an Olympic torchbearer in February 2002.

The Jimmie Heuga Center for the Reanimation of the Physically Challenged can be reached at 800-367-3101 or www.heuga.org.

Joe Jay Jalbert

Filmmaker

Joe Jay Jalbert conceived his company Jalbert Productions Inc www.jalbertfilm.com during the filming of Downhill Racer, a 1969 feature film for which he provided technical direction and served as POV cameraman. This experience gave Jalbert the impetus to start the company in 1970, and immediately established itself as an international leader in the production of high quality, innovative action films. Jalbert Productions Inc is located in Huntington, NY.

Joe Jay, sought out and attracted filmmakers who shared the belief that a successful film would not have to choose between effectiveness and creativity. Jalbert's recognized accomplishments in sports film production led to an expansion of services. Acquisition rights for sporting events, packaging and sale of television specials, and distribution of non-theatrical productions to broadcast and cable systems, civic groups, schools, libraries, etc. became part of the company's portfolio.

The company evolved, adding five interfacing areas of operation: television commercial production, television distribution, corporate/product/motivational film production, and a stock film library featuring some of the world's most dynamic sports cinematography. With three Winter Olympic "Official Film" credits, a combined total of 12 World Alpine and Nordic World Championship "Official Film" credits, Jalbert is the world leader in its field.

The company has produced over 300 network sports segments and prime-time television specials, plus innumerable promotional, motivational, commercial and theatrical entertainment shows. The style, energy and technical prowess of the company's production has earned Jalbert an array of international awards.

Billy Kidd

1964 Olympic Slalom Silver Medalist



Long time supporter and frequent convention special guest Billy Kidd will be joining us again this year. Billy is a skiing legend and became an American hero in the 1964 Olympics when he and teammate **Jimmie Heuga** became the first American men to win Olympic medals in skiing at Innsbruck, Austria. From Stowe, Vermont, Billy raced internationally for nine years on the U.S. Ski Team, becoming the first person to win both Amateur and Pro World Championships in a single year, 1970. Billy, inducted into the US Hall of Fame in 1976, has been Steamboat Resort's Director of Skiing www.steamboat.com for more than 30 years.

Born in Burlington, Vermont, he grew up water skiing on Lake Champlain. At the age of five he moved to Stowe, where his father ran the Buccaneer Ski Lodge and taught him to ski on Mt. Mansfield's National Trail. His first pair of skis were wooden hand-me-downs with Bear Trap bindings and six-foot leather thongs wrapped around the foot. Disqualified from his first race at Mad River Glen because he was only 12, he came in 66th in a field of 120. Two years later, coached by Austrian instructors, he made the Eastern National Junior Championship Team. Graduating with honors from Stowe High School in 1961, Kidd postponed admission to MIT in order to train. For nine years he raced internationally on the US Ski Team, while earning a 1969 degree in economics from the University of Colorado.

"Winning is mostly who's best at handling the variables," according to Kidd, whose racing career was plagued with ankle injuries. He bruised his right ankle while training for the Eastern Championships at Whiteface, New York (1963). He broke it at Sestriere (1964). The ankle collapsed at the Colorado Cup at Lake Eldora (1965). He broke his left ankle at Kitzbuhel (1966). He credits a broken right leg at Portillo prior to the FIS games (1966) with giving him a month in traction and seven months in a cast to "watch ski movies and devise the perfect way to go around the poles." Says Kidd, "I had time to think and it's the thinking that makes the difference."

Billy has been an ardent supporter and participant in the <http://snowexpress.kintera.org> Jimmie Heuga Express program, an event which generates funds for the Jimmie Heuga Center www.heuga.org in Vail, Colorado. The Center is known for "reanimating the physically challenged," providing support and assistance for individuals diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis.

Billy has been involved in the Special Olympics www.specialolympics.org programs since 1977, an international year-round program of sports training and competition for mentally challenged individuals. More than one million athletes in over 160 countries train and compete in 26 Olympic-type summer and winter sports. "The generous donation of time and expertise that Billy Kidd is making to Special Olympics athletes is an example of how national sports figures inspire greatness in the athletes we serve," stated **Timothy P. Shriver**, President and CEO of Special Olympics.



Promotion of Steamboat has involved Billy in stunts like sailing a Hobie Cat catamaran down Mt. Werner or skiing down a mound of crushed ice covered with snow imported from Steamboat Springs on the "Today Show." When you visit Steamboat, you'll find Billy up there on the mountain, wearing his trademark hat, and waiting to meet a new group of skiers to introduce to his

mountain and to talk about the sport he loves – skiing. Billy truly exemplifies the spirit of the Far West Ski Association's Jimmie Heuga Award. Like his friend Jimmie, Billy has demonstrated courage and skill on the ski slope, in the human body, and with a courageous heart.

Richard Kun

President, Snow Summit Ski Corporation

Dick Kun has been President of Snow Summit Ski Corporation since 1980 www.snowsummit.com (owner of Snow Summit, Bear Mountain – recently acquired in 2002, and Sierra Summit - acquired in 1981 as China Peak). Snow Summit focuses on families and more traditional skiers and riders while Bear Mountain aims to be an arena with a younger focus aimed more toward freestyle skiers and snowboarders. Snow Summit has hosted several major snowboarding events including ESPN's Winter X Games, Vans Triple Crown of Snowboarding, and MTV Snowed In.

Dick is the author of “The Snow Summit Story” which chronicles 50 years of history of the resort. Dick's stepfather Tommi Tyndall who was a Czechoslovakian immigrant and mother Jo founded Snow Summit in 1952. His mother Jo came up with the name Snow Summit after Tommi suggested Snow Hill. The first chairlift was completed in 1953 and became the nation's first detachable chairlift. Snow Summit opened with a one mile long double chair lift, two major ski runs and several rope tows. In 1964 the chairlift became the first to be served by snowmaking in the West. In 1966 Snow Summit introduced night skiing, which was the first such operation in the Western U.S. In January 1976, Snow Summit introduced the ski industry's first reserved ticket system so people could avoid the early morning lines.

“Summit is a physical place beyond the people, that's been in one place for 50 years. Customers, employees, stockholders, the community all have an idea that this is a special place - the view from the top looking back to the lake, the Summit Inn, skiing Log Chute, the first run - all are tied to this physical place, Snow Summit.” – Dick Kun



The Kun Family skiing at Snow Summit in the 90s.

Laura Menozzi

Director of Finance, National Ski Area Association

The National Ski Area Association (NSAA) www.nsaa.org is located in Lakewood, CO and represents 326 alpine resorts that account for more than 90% of the skier/snowboarder visits nationwide. Additionally, it has 400 supplier members who provide equipment, goods and services to the mountain resort industry. The association's primary objective is to meet the needs of ski area owners and operators nationwide and to foster, stimulate and promote growth in the industry.

NSAA analyzes and distributes ski industry statistics; produces annual conferences and trade shows; produces a bimonthly industry publication and is active in state and federal government affairs. The association also provides educational programs and employee training materials on industry issues including OSHA, ADA and NEPA regulations and compliance; environmental laws and regulations; state regulatory requirements; aerial tramway safety; and resort operations and guest service.

Laura is a frequent speaker on industry panels such as TransWorld SNOW Industry Summit and TransWorld Snowboarding Conference about trends in the ski industry, how the trends influence development, and the NSAA Model for Growth which addresses the 85% drop out rate of all people who try snow sports but don't continue. The goal of the Model for Growth is to increase number of beginners entering sport by 6% per year combined with increasing number of beginners converted into core skiers by 1% per year from 15% to 25%.

Stephanie Neff

Deputy Director, California Ski Industry Association

The California Ski Industry Association (CSIA) is based out of San Francisco, CA www.californiasnow.com. Among its many activities CSIA also works with California Tourism to conduct winter sports consumer campaigns, runs the California Snow Passport Program (free skiing/boarding for 4th, 5th or 6th graders), organizes maintenance and operations conferences, and publishes California Snow (CSIA annual guide to skiing and snowboarding in California).

Stephanie has spoken on panels about the concerns of California's ski industry regarding the effects climate change will bring to California's snow economy. She represents CSIA interests in various groups including the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Working Group.

Glen Plake

Heavenly Lake Tahoe Ski.E.O.



Glen Plake is a two-time World Champion Hot Dog Skier and probably the most recognizable skier in the world.

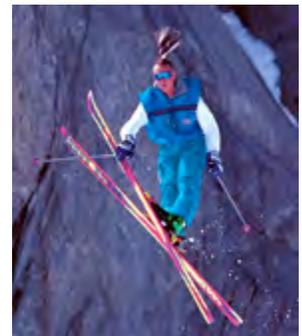
Whether its purple, green, orange or multi-colored, you'll be seeing freeskiering legend and world-class athlete, Glen Plake (and his signature Mohawk) around Heavenly Mountain Resort this season! The mogul master is the resort's Ski.E.O. and has a lineup of special guests appearances scheduled at the resort including the second annual Gunbarrel 25 event, where contestants challenge themselves to 25 laps in one day down the famous Gunbarrel run.

Glen's mission is to keep the "fun factor" at an all time high at Lake Tahoe's largest mountain resort! And with Glen around the mountain, you can bet there's no shortage of fun. When he's not ripping it up on The Face, interacting with guests or skiing for Warren Miller, he's traveling the world promoting the great sport of skiing and livin' it up Glen Plake-style.

Glen is no stranger to Heavenly. He grew up skiing at the resort during the free spirited age of "hot-dogging", which has since morphed into the sport of freestyle skiing.

"Heavenly has a past as colorful as mine and that's pretty cool. It's one of the first resorts where freestyle skiing began, so it's only fitting I come home for such a partnership. You could say it's where I got my start - trying to out-run my Heavenly race coaches!"

If you don't catch Glen busting out the laps in the bumps this winter, you can see in a lineup of Warren Miller's latest movies. His most recent Miller flick, Journey, where he's tearing it up on his hometown mountain - Heavenly!



The Glen Plake story began in Livermore, California, on September 9, 1964, but it was his third-grade teacher who used a Möbius flip from the seminal '70s ski flick Outer Limits as a way of demonstrating math that turned his life. For Glen, there fell into place a connection between skiing and the wider world, an understanding that there were deeper forces beneath this sliding on snow. In that brief flash of insight, Plake knew that skiing held something greater for him.

He was on skis at age 2, scammed his first season pass the next year and broke his fibula at 5. Undaunted, Glen Plake eventually qualified for the World Cup mogul tour in the early 1980s, but never got a start bib because of his unconventional approach. While colleagues took the zipper line on their 195s, the irrepressible Plake leap-frogged moguls on his trademark 212s. Most frustrated athletes disappear into obscurity, but Plake was just getting warmed up. His infamous leap (and egg-beater) off Chamonix's Grand Montets in Greg Stump's Blizzard of Aaaahs secured him as one of the fathers of what was then tagged "extreme skiing." Plake has since appeared in dozens of ski films and TV shows. A decade ago, honeymooning with his wife, Kimberly, the two set off in an RV on a 33-state, 12,000-mile tour on which they skied 50 small areas east of the Rockies, climaxing with a visit to (where else?) Mohawk Mountain, Conn. At 38, Plake remains a charismatic rebel and inveterate speed freak.

Doug Pringle

Executive Director, Disabled Sports USA - Far West (DSUSA)

Disabled Sports USA is a national nonprofit, 501(c)(3), organization established in 1967 by disabled Vietnam veterans to serve the war injured. DS/USA now offers nationwide sports rehabilitation programs to anyone with a permanent physical disability. Activities include winter skiing, water sports, summer and winter competitions, fitness and special sports events. Participants include those with visual impairments, amputations, spinal cord injury, dwarfism, multiple sclerosis, head injury, cerebral palsy, and other neuromuscular and orthopedic conditions.



Sports As Rehabilitation - Gaining Confidence and Dignity

Rehabilitation professionals and even the Federal Government recognize the importance of sports and recreation in the successful rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities. When first faced with the reality of a disability, many experience a loss of confidence, depression, and believe their lives have ended. They are often alienated from family and friends because there are no shared positive experiences. Sports and recreation offers the opportunity to achieve success in a very short time period; to use this success to build self-confidence and focus on possibilities instead of dwelling on what can no longer be done. The ability to participate in a sport, such as cycling; skiing; and sailing, to name a few, provides the opportunity to reunite with family and friends in a shared activity.

Disabled Sports USA Far West leads the way in adaptive sports and recreation for people with disabilities. With over 30 years of experience, its trained staff and volunteers guide you in discovering life without limits. "If I can do this, I can do anything!"

Marlene Finley

Winter Sports Program Manager, Pacific Southwest Division U.S. Forest Service

Marlene Finley is the Winter Sports Program Manager and Concession Specialist for the USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region. Her primary duties are to provide coordination between the snow rangers and permit administrators in the field, and the National Winter Sports Program. To do this she works closely with interest groups, individuals, field staff, auditors, resource specialists, and many others to provide a Winter Sports Program that meets the Forest Service Mission. Marlene has worked for over 20 years in the field of recreation for both the US Forest Service and the National Park Service from Alaska to Georgia, Oregon, California. She served on the Alaska State Parks Advisory Board in Ketchikan, the Georgia-Florida Tourism Board and is currently on the College of Marin Athletic Board. She has a BS in Environmental Planning and Management from UC Davis and a Masters degree in Forest Recreation Management from Oregon State University. Marlene works directly with the Ski Industry to provide recreation opportunities on public lands.

Bob Salerno

1971 Professional Freestyle Champion, 1974 World Super Hot Dog Champion

Bob Salerno is a two-time world champion freestyle skier. He also owns Virtual Snow www.virtualsnowla.com, the ski deck school. Salerno began training on a ski deck in 1974 and has a total of nine ski schools nationwide.

The nickname Bad Bob came from twice winning John Clendenin's World Mogul Enduro (5 hours non stop skiing in the bumps) on The Ski.

Career Highlights

- 1971 Invented The Tip Drop Helicopter
- 1971 Professional Freestyle Champion
- 1973 Mogul Enduro World Champion: (5 Hour Competition of non-Stop Moguls, Aerials and Slalom Gates)
- 1974 World Super Hot Dog* Champion
- 1974 Ski Magazine's Freestyler of the Year Award
- 1974 Aerials World Champion Bob received the highest points for this 8 Event Professional Tour by an incredible 33% higher than the next Closest Competitor)
- 1979 Mogul Enduro World Champion: (5 Hour Competition of non-Stop Moguls, Aerials and Slalom Gates)
- 1974-95 Appeared In 7 Warren Miller Films
- 1997 Bob's motions were captured for the "Tomorrow Never Dies" Video Game
- 1998 Acknowledged as a Legend of Freestyle in Ski Magazine
- 1998 World Champion of Hotdog Skiing
- 2000 World Champion Team Hotdog Skiing
- 2001 Acknowledged as a Legend of Freestyle by Utah's Ski Archive Association



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1988-91	Mike Favia
1987-88	Howard Wickersham
1985-87	Janie "Frankie" Hansen
1981-85	Jane Wyckoff
1976-81	Ed Gehle
1973-76	Dick Croft
1971-73	John Watson
1969-71	Richard Goetzman
1968-69	Carl F. Grover
1966-68	Stanley V. Walton, Jr.
1963-66	Leonard Speicher
1962-63	Sutter E. Kunkel
1959-62	Byron Nishkian
1957-59	Ed Johnson
1955-57	Wesley Hadden
1954-55	Robert J. Schenck
1952-54	Paul H. Smith
1951-52	Frank Ferguson
1950-51	Arthur H. Van De Kamp
1949-50	B.M. Zimmerman
1948-49	Cortlandt T. Hill
1947-48	J.C. Chris Schwarzenbach
1945-47	Albert E. Sigal
1941-45	Frank Howard
1937-41	James F. Connell
1934-37	Arnold Weber
1932-34	Cecil Edmunds
1930-32	Wendell Robie

FWSA Elections

Elections to be held Sunday, June 12, 2005

President

Secretary

Treasurer

Trustee (1)

Trustee (2)

VP Councils

**VP North American
Travel**

VP Public Affairs

President, Secretary, and Treasurer are elected for one year terms.

Trustees and Vice Presidents are elected for two year terms.

In 2006, the two year term elective positions will be VP Communications, VP International Travel, VP Marketing, VP Membership, and two Trustee positions.

Director Report

Treasurer's Report by Nancy Kelly, Treasurer

Far West Ski Association

Treasurer's report

May 2004 through April 2005

Versus

May 2003 through April 2004

Attached are the Comparative Balance Sheet and Income Statements. Please note the figures for 2004/2005 are preliminary and not final.

The final accounting for the Far West trips has not been completed. The additional income/expenses will be reflected in the final year-end reports.

Accumulated depreciation for 2004/2005 will be updated and appropriately reflected in the final year-end reports.

Director Report

Comparative Balance Sheet by Nancy Kelly, Treasurer

	<u>April 30, 2005</u>	<u>April 30, 2004</u>
Assets		
Checking/Savings		
General Account	3,478	10,085
General Acct CD	91,211	90,296
Convention Acct B of A	9,123	9,825
North American Travel Acct. B of A	72,448	51,887
Int Travel Acct WF	131,277	87,924
Total Checking/Saving	307,537	250,017
Accounts Receivable	150	144
Prepaid Expenses		
Convention	5,812	2,296
Federal taxes	401	
Prepaid Travel Expenses		
Zermatt 2005/2006	156	
China 2005/2006	16,551	
Machu Picchu 2005/2006	19,800	
Telluride 2005/2006	2,500	
Scandinavia 2004/2005		9,200
Japan 2004/2005		1,500
Aspen 2004/2005		7,500
St Moritz 2004/2005		1,000
Total Prepaid Expenses	39,007	21,496
Total Current Assets	352,907	271,657
Fixed Assets		
Equipment		
Office Equipment	7,445	10,726
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(3,920)	(7,175)
Total Equipment	3,525	3,551
Total Fixed Assets	3,525	3,551
TOTAL ASSETS	356,432	275,208
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		1,456
Other Current Liabilities		
Prepaid Income		
Convention	3,755	
Athletic Scholarship	770	
Prepaid Trips		
Machu Picchu 2005/2006	12,535	2,000
China 2005/2006	113,950	
Telluride 2005/2006	19,050.00	
Scandinavia 2004/2005		64,888
Japan 2004/2005		200
Aspen 2004/2005		16,050
St Moritz 2004/2005		800
Total Current Liabilities	-	83,938
Long Term Liabilities		
Public Lands Research Fund	1,120	1,120
Total Liabilities	151,180	86,514
Equity		
Retained Earnings	188,693	196,840
Net Income	16,559	(8,146)
Total Equity	205,252	188,694
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	356,432	275,208

Director Report

Preliminary Comparative Income/Expense Statement by Nancy Kelly, Treasurer

	April 30 2005	April 30 2004
REVENUE		
Membership Dues	1,000	840
Public Affairs		
Development		
Travel		
Aspen January 2005	742,787	
Alaska September 2004	1,840	
Scandinavia August 2004	136,429	
Japan February 2005	187,385	
St Moritz March 2005	231,309	
Africa - August 2003		168,170
Africa - September 2003		221,782
Lake Louise		460,396
Morzine		393,374
Heavenly		3,738
Total Travel	1,299,750	1,247,460
Council Man/Woman of Year	400	275
FWSA T-Shirts	400	151
Athletic Scholarship Fund	900	
FWSA Calendars	1,730	
Convention	101,647	96,304
Interest & Other Income	1,062	948
Total Revenue	1,406,889	1,345,978
DIRECT PROGRAM EXPENSES		
Travel Services		
Aspen	723,093	
Alaska	313	
Scandinavia	134,092	
Japan	184,125	
St Moritz	226,189	
Africa - Aug		166,556
Africa - Sep		218,818
Lake Louise		457,779
Morzine		384,493
Heavenly		3,738
Various Pretrips	3,128	3,363
Total Travel Expenses	1,270,940	1,234,747
Convention	62,638	68,751
Man/Woman of Year	418	267
FWSA T-Shirts	397	196
Athletic Scholarship Fund	1,000	
Calendars	4,034	
Total Cost of Revenue	1,339,427	1,303,961
Net Revenue	67,462	42,017
EXPENSES		
President	1,107	1,746
Board of Directors Meetings	20,960	17,564
Secretary	1,243	2,076
Treasurer	5,678	4,508
Past President	-	72
Trustees	746	38
Awards Program	4,453	4,026
Recreation/Safety	185	0
Communications	5,673	7,238
Convention	30	0
Councils	1,742	1,714
Marketing	439	553
Membership	1,036	1,386
Public Affairs	473	2,247
History Committee	21	572
North American Travel	1,960	1,017
International Travel	1,207	855
Database	147	191
FWRA Racing	1,250	0
Unclassified-Insurance	2,500	2,500
Depreciation & Equip Disposal		1,848
Unclassified-Misc	53	12
Total Expenses	50,903	50,163
NET INCOME(LOSS)	16,559	(8,146)

Director Report

Preliminary Detailed Expenditures by Nancy Kelly, Treasurer

Cost Center	Postage	Phone	Printing	Supplies	Promotion Donations	Travel	Service Awards	Special Committees	Other	Taxes & Insurance	Web Outreach	Total
President	157	60			60	660	70		100			1,107
Board of Director Meetings						20,960						20,960
Secretary	43		245		955							1,243
Treasurer	242		160	289					100	4,887		5,678
Past President												-
Recreation/Safety									185			185
Charities Committee												-
Communications-General							140				374	514
Communications-Councilman		730	2,129						300			3,159
Communications-Skiers Guide	2,000											2,000
Councils	113	30		225	776						598	1,742
Marketing	65					374						439
Membership	67		969									1,036
Public Affairs					342	101			30			473
History								21				21
N Amer. Travel Services	76	972	527	100					285			1,960
Int'l. Travel Services	4	647		564					(8)			1,207
Trustee	11							721				732
Awards							4,467					4,467
Database Services	31			116								147
Convention						30						30
FWRA Racing										1,250		1,250
Miscellaneous-Insurance										2,500		2,500
Miscellaneous-Other									53			53
												-
												-
TOTAL	2,809	2,439	4,030	1,294	2,133	22,125	4,677	742	1,045	8,637	972	50,903

Director Report

Board of Trustees by Randy Lew, Chairman

The Far West Ski Association Board of Trustees has the responsibility for long range planning as well as insuring that the Associations corporate records are properly maintained and timely government filings are made. In addition, the Trustees executed the new FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program, set the criteria for the 75th Anniversary convention, and participated in the changes to the organizational structure of the Association.

The new FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program has now awarded its first two \$500 scholarships due to the efforts of Chairman **Robb Margrave** and the Athletic Scholarship Committee, which is comprised of the Board of Trustees and the VP of Racing. The applicants for the scholarships, which include USSA and PNSA affiliated athletes competing in the J1 and J2 age groups, were evaluated on financial need, academics, competitive achievements, community activities, and goals and desires. The scholarships were awarded in December to Brandy Barna and Martin Harris, who race for the Sugar Bowl Ski Team, and Heavenly Ski Team, respectively.

Family/Youth Involvement Committee co-chaired by **Linda Westlund** and **Mike German** addressed concerns from the membership regarding direct membership. The on-going committee will be responsible for short and long-range planning for family and youth involvement, with the objective of developing programs and services to welcome families and youth into our ski organizations. A moderately successful family day event was held at Mammoth Mountain in April and we look forward to exciting programs in the future as FWSA continues to endorse family and youth activities.

The awards program has been well received due to the efforts of new Chairperson **Susie Vetter** and the Awards Committee, which is comprised of the Board of Trustees. The Bill Berry Modern Media award has now been renamed the Warren Miller Modern Media award. **Joe Loader**, the prior Awards Chairman, is to be commended for all his efforts in improving the program including developing hard criteria for each award, revising the execution timeline, revising the nominating documentation, and modifying the presentation format.

Ken Calkins has taken the responsibility for the FWSA database and has been working diligently at insuring the data is accurate and timely to all functional programs that need this information.

The 2005 Ski Week at Aspen, one of the largest, with 715 participants was extremely successful, despite the travel issues caused by the weather, through the efforts of **Lynnell Calkins** and the FWSA ski week staff. The international ski trip led by **Kathy & Tucker Hoffmann** to St. Moritz, Switzerland with 112 and people attending was outstanding based on comments from the participants. In addition, the 2nd international ski trip to Nagano, Japan was also very well received with 84 participants. In September 2004, **Lynnell & Ken Calkins** led the 1st FWSA cruise to Alaska with 55 participants. Also in the fall, **Tucker & Kathy Hoffmann** led the great trip to Scandinavia with 44 FWSA members participating.

The 2005 – 2006 travel program is projected to be very exciting and successful with both a 2 and 3 week tour of China this fall, Ski Week at Telluride, an international ski trip to Zermatt, Switzerland, and an adventure tour to the Galapagos Islands and Macho Picchu.

Mary Azevedo has done a tremendous job since assuming responsibility for “The Councilman”, which is the major communications vehicle with our member councils and clubs. She had very big shoes to fill since **Cheryl Reiss**, the prior Editor, had done an outstanding job. The new & improved “Skiers Guide”, which is our

publication targeting the general skiing population, has been very well received in ski shows, ski shops, and clubs due to the superb effort of **Leigh Gieringer**.

Debbi Kor has made a significant contribution as V.P. of Marketing by attending various trade and vendor shows to meet hard and soft good companies, obtain product for FWSA programs, and to develop opportunities for future sponsorships. This year Debbi signed Schure Sports USA, the Karbon ski wear company, as an additional sponsor for the Athletic Scholarship Program. Debbi and **Barbara Razo** also did an outstanding job in publishing the first FWSA Calendar. Debbi also chaired the Source of Income/Sponsorship to identify and develop additional income sources for the association. Potential items for the future include logo wear, logo luggage, and a pictorial calendar.

The Public Affairs program under **Scott Bowker** mounted a great effort to support naming an 11,099 foot mountain near the Minarets in the Sierra National Forest after Orland Bartholomew, who scored the first winter ascent of Mount Whitney in 1929. Scott has done a great job keeping us all informed on ski area development and legislation issues.

Nancy Kelly has done an excellent job in providing the Association with detailed, timely, and accurate financial reporting and budget control. In addition, Nancy and **John Reinhardt**, our Tax Advisor, have assisted in finalizing our tax audit.

Steve Coxen has shown his leadership skills as the FWSA Convention Chairman, and has worked very diligently with **Jane Wyckoff**, **Barbara Razo**, **Catherine Ohl** and the Los Angeles Council 2005 convention committee in planning and executing the upcoming 75th Anniversary celebration. This convention will celebrate the history of the FWSA, councils and clubs as well as skiing in the Western US. Steve has also continued to improve the web site by revising the member benefits and sponsorship sections, putting the Convention registration forms up, and continuing to keep the web site current.

Mike Sanford has done an outstanding job in his second year as President in partnering with the industry to provide an outstanding venue for our December Board of Directors meeting in Breckenridge, Colorado. In addition, Mike's tremendous organization and leadership skills have produced very efficient BOD meetings, which included time for working committee meetings and an exchange of ideas while reducing the time needed for verbal reports. Mike is constantly striving to improve all aspects of the Association.

The major action items for 2005 are: 1) executing the extensive plan for the 75th Annual Meeting and Convention; 2) expanding the FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program; 3) developing specific program sponsorships through partnering with the ski industry; 4) execute a 2nd family activity; and 5) continuing to expand our North American & International travel programs.

I would like to thank **Ken Calkins**, **Robb Margrave** and **Linda Westlund** for their time and efforts in improving the organization. In addition, I would like to thank the Board of Directors, FWSA committee and staff volunteers, and all council and club volunteers for their continued outstanding efforts in making the Far West Ski Association "THE VOICE OF THE WESTERN SKIER".

2004 CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #1 – Award Nominations

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, a survey of all past honorees be made to determine whether the nominator's names should appear on future FWSA nominations sent out for voting.

A survey was included as part of the 2005 awards ballot. The Awards Committee will act on the results of the survey in the July 2005 Board of Trustees meeting.

Director Report

2005 Proposed Bylaws Changes by Randy Lew, Chairman

The Board of Trustees and the By-Laws Committee recommend these changes and the Board of Directors has endorsed these changes to the by-laws therefore, we propose the following amendments for consideration of the registered delegates at the 73rd Annual Meeting & Convention June 9-12, 2005 at the Westin Hotel in Long Beach, California.

Proposal: Eliminate the V.P. of Recreation and Safety position (the responsibilities of the position will be allocated to other functional V.P. positions). This amendment would not change the voting privileges under Section 13.4.5, but would decrease the quorum required for meetings of the Board of Directors from 7 to 6 under Section 13.5.1 which is the same as prior to the addition of the V.P. of International Travel position in June 2003.

Section 11.2 Titles of Elected Officers

CURRENT WORDING:

Section 11.2.9 V.P. of Recreation and Safety
Section 11.2.10 V.P. of Councils
Section 11.2.11 V.P. of International Travel

PROPOSED NEW WORDING

Section 11.2.9 V.P. of Councils
Section 11.2.10 V.P. of International Travel

Proposal: Amend the description of V.P. of Councils to V.P. of Council Services to better describe the functions of this position.

Section 11.2 Titles of Elected Officers

CURRENT WORDING:

Section 11.2.10 V.P. of Councils

PROPOSED NEW WORDING

Section 11.2.9 V.P. of Council Services

Proposal: Eliminate the staggered election wording for V.P. of Recreation and Safety and change the title of V.P. of Councils to V.P. of Council Services.

Section 11.3 Terms of office of Elected Offices

CURRENT WORDING

Section 11.3.3 The remaining elected offices shall be for two (2) year terms and the elections for these offices shall be staggered with the offices of the Vice Presidents of Marketing, Membership, Communications and International Travel being elected in the alternate years from the Vice Presidents of North American Travel, Public Affairs, Recreation & Safety, and Councils.

PROPOSED NEW WORDING:

Section 11.3.3 The remaining elected offices shall be for two (2) year terms and the elections for these offices shall be staggered with the offices of the Vice Presidents of Marketing, Membership, Communications and International Travel being elected in the alternate years from the Vice Presidents of North American Travel, Public Affairs, and Council Services.

Proposal: Correct the reference of the definition of ski clubs which was missed after the addition of Honorary Members in June 2003.

8.4 Requirements and Application for Membership or Affiliation

CURRENT WORDING

Section 8.4.2 A ski club, ski association or other ski organization must qualify as a Ski Club as defined in Section 8.2.4, herein, to become affiliated with FWSA.

PROPOSED NEW WORDING

Section 8.4.2 A ski club, ski association or other ski organization must qualify as a Ski Club as defined in Section 8.2.5, herein, to become affiliated with FWSA.

Rationale FOR the Proposed By-Law Change
Eliminating V.P. of Recreation & Safety

On behalf of the Far West Ski Association's Board of Directors and Board of Trustees, I request that the office of Recreation and Safety be discontinued. As vice president of this office, I have visited a number of councils and talked to the presidents of other councils regarding recreational events that FWSA could sponsor. As a result, I have concluded that councils and their clubs provide sufficient recreational opportunities to their members. Any recreational activity sponsored by FWSA would only encroach on these events. I was left with the distinct impression that individuals have only so much discretionary time and funds they can devote to recreation. Please vote to abolish this position.

Ed Knott
Vice President Recreation and Safety

Director Report

74th Annual Convention (2006) by Linda Westlund, Trustee

74th Annual FWSA Convention to be held June 8-11, 2006 in Phoenix, Arizona
by Linda Westlund, FWSA Trustee, Arizona Ski Council Past President

The 74th Annual Convention will be held June 8th thru 11th, 2006, at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa, in Phoenix, Arizona. Located 11 miles from the Phoenix International Airport on the Gila River Indian Community, this spectacular new resort is a great escape for travelers and locals. 500 luxurious guestrooms, all with private balconies & patios, are decorated with authentic art from the Pima and Maricopa Indian tribes. Wild Horses can be seen roaming the Sonoran Desert from the upper lobby. The riverside oasis features cascading waterfalls as well as adult and children's pools. The Whirlwind Golf Club offers 36 holes of championship Troon Golf designed by Gary Panks; home to the PGA Nationwide Insurance Tour each October. Convention attendees will have access to the Aji Spa with its 17 treatment rooms, fitness center, salon, juice bar, Watsu pools and wellness center. The Koli Equestrian Center offers trail rides & riding lessons. 8 dining venues are available on the property; including Fine Dining from James Beard award winner Janos Wilder. Upscale shopping, dining and entertainment is less than 5 minutes away at the new Casa Paloma & Chandler Fashion Center.

FWSA members can reserve their rooms for the 2006 event, at nightly rate of \$129 for single or double occupancy by calling 1-866-837-4156. It's not too soon to start planning to attend!

The Arizona Ski Council is proud to be hosting their 3rd convention. The FWSA Annual Convention was held in Scottsdale in 1994 and in Phoenix in the year 2000. Arleigh Meiners is our Convention Chairperson for 2006. Watch for more detailed announcements on the 2006 Convention on the FWSA Website and in other FWSA publications.

Director Report

Athletic Scholarship Committee by Robb Margrave, Trustee

The Far West Ski Association (FWSA) Athletic Scholarship Fund was established in 2004 for the purpose of providing financial assistance to junior alpine ski racers. Big Mountain Resort and Grosse Mountain Lodge, located in Montana, were our first sponsors of the fund. Announcements were sent to ski resorts and USSA affiliated clubs in the six western states where FWSA councils and/or clubs exist. To be eligible for consideration, an applicant had to be a United States Ski Association (USSA) or Pacific Northwest Ski Association (PNSA) affiliated athlete, competing at the J1 (ages 17-18) or J2 (ages 15-16).

Response to our mailing was excellent. Noteworthy was the excellent quality of our young candidates. A parent would be proud of any of them. Applicants were evaluated on financial need (30%); academics (25%); prior competitive achievements (20%); community activities (15%); and goals and desires (10%). The two FWSA scholarships were awarded to Brandy Barna and Martin Harris.



Brandy races for the Sugar Bowl Ski Team and is in her first year as a J1 athlete. At the beginning of the 2004-2005 race season, she was ranked seventh nationally by FIS (International Ski Federation) and eighth nationally by USSA in both slalom and giant slalom events. In addition to her success on the race course, she was selected by her school to attend “Girls State”, an honor awarded to a single student by each high school in California. She’s also



listed in “Who’s Who Among American High School Students for the third consecutive year, an honor achieved by only 1% of all high school students nation wide. She also maintains a 3.8 GPA at Tahoe Truckee High School.



Martin Harris maintains a 3.69 GPA at South Lake Tahoe High School while racing with the Heavenly Ski Team and is in his second year as a J2 athlete. In his first year as a J2, Marty achieved notable results in both GS and slalom events at USSA regional events. He qualified for the J2 National Championships at Lake Placid where he placed fifth in the slalom. In 2004, Marty attended his first FIS races, an experience from which he will benefit in his last year as a J2 athlete.



FWSA wishes to welcome Schure Sports, Inc., the makers of Karbon brand ski clothing to our growing list of sponsors. Applications for 2005-2006 racing season are due not later than May 31, 2005, with scholarships awarded by the end of June 2005. This year J1, J2 and J3 athletes are eligible for scholarships. J3 athletes ages 13 and 14. More detailed information concerning applying for these scholarships, plus the application form, is available on the FWSA web site at www.FWSA.org, then click on About FWSA.

Director Report

Charitable & Community Activities Summary by Sigrid Noack

Arizona Ski Council obtained over \$10,000 in donation value for their first ever Silent Auction, raising enough funds to send 13 deaf and blind students from Arizona to learn to ski with the Telluride Adaptive Sports Program (TASP). They received two days of two-on-one instruction and can't wait for next year to go again! Thanks to ASC's Family Chairperson, they have explored offering discounts on family events, including giving back a portion of the proceeds to ski related charities. The council also continues to support the Special Olympics and the US Ski and Snowboard Team.

Phoenix Ski Club supports the Shoebox Ministries and participates in the Adopt-A-Highway program. They also partake in the annual MS150 bike ride to support Multiple Sclerosis.

Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club continues to support the Thomas J. Pappas School for homeless children.

Bay Area Snow Sports Council's Fund Raising for Disabled Sports USA has continued forward with amazing support from all. The annual BAC/DSUSA Ski for All this year raised \$10,170.00! Harry Davis is sponsoring Go Cart Racing, and the BAC is sponsoring an Oakland A's Baseball game in August ~ all to benefit DSUSA!!

Bota Baggers donate money to the Adaptive Ski Program at Lake Tahoe, work with Habitat for Humanity, walk for Breast Cancer and work with Adopt-a-Family.

Castro Valley Ski Club works with the Mother Lode Chapter of Disabled Sports, USA.

Monterey Ski Club is involved with the local Chamber of Commerce.

San Francisco Ski Club gave \$4000 to Disabled Sports USA, money raised at their annual Wine By the Bay.

Snowchasers work with the Tahoe Adaptive Ski School, DS/USA and help with Toys for Tots.

Central Council

SLO Skiers walk in the 24 Hour Relay for Cancer.

Camber Ski Club members volunteer for the California International Air Show, which contributes hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to various charities throughout Monterey County.

Los Angeles Council and many of the LAC ski clubs donated funds to send a disabled skier from The Unrecables - Disabled Sports, USA, and his companion to Steamboat on the annual week-long ski trip. Many ski clubs also donate funds, ski equipment and clothing to The Unrecables. Many also participate in the Ralph's Food Store Community Program, which is a fund-raiser for The Unrecables.

AEA Ski Club supports the Unrecables by signing up with their Ralphs Community Support program.

Auslich Ski Club members fix up homes of needy people, calling it "Christmas in April". They are also involved with the Aquarium of the Pacific's Adopt-A-Classroom Program and the Animal Assisted Therapy program of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Edelweiss Ski & Sports Club donated \$200 to The Unrecables to send an Unrecable on the LAC Ski Week.

Beach Cities Ski Club hosts a charity volleyball tournament. All net proceeds from the tournament are used to establish a scholarship fund administered by Southern California Foundation for Children (SCFC), which provides aid, guidance, and support to underprivileged and at-risk children.

Century City Ski Club makes donations to the Unrecables Ski Club.

Conejo Ski & Sports Club makes donations of clothing, equipment and money to The Unrecables and to a Thousand Oaks Women's Shelter for battered women and their children.

4 Seasons West Ski Club members deliver about 900 lunches to downtown L.A. families on Christmas morning. Also, members collect the small bathroom toiletries from hotels and wrap them as X-mas gifts. 400 toiletry bags were delivered last year. They also have a X-mas Toy Drive. The toys are delivered to women/children shelters.

The club is called 4 Seasons West, but they have another season, which is the Holiday Season and they love to help.

Grindelwald Ski Club delivered a \$500 check to Deb Armstrong, when thirty some skiers skied Santa Fe.

Hughes Ski Club makes donations to the Unrecables Ski Club for the LAC annual ski trip.

Kronenstadt Ski Club collects skis and clothing for skiers with disabilities.

Pacific Rim Alliance Ski Club sponsors dinner events for the Jimmie Heuga Center and makes donations to the Unrecables Ski Club. They raised more than \$4,000 for the "Vertical Express" for The Heuga Center for MS.

Radar River Rats donate to the Unrecables Ski Club to support them on the LAC annual ski trip

Single Ski Club donated to The Unrecables and Swim with Mike program this year.

South Bay Ski Club made donations to Unrecables Ski Club towards the LAC annual ski trip.

Tri-Valley Ski Club makes donations of clothing and equipment to the Unrecables.

Wailers Ski Club raised \$4200 with their service auction, donating \$2100 to ski patrols at Mountain High, Snow Summit, Big Bear Lake, Snow Valley, Mt Waterman, Mt Baldy, and June Mountain; \$2100 to Disabled Sports,USA - Eastern Sierra at Mammoth Mountain. This was matched by a club member for a total of \$4200!

A large group of Wailers also annually spends a whole day in support of Habitat for Humanity.

Westwood Ski Club makes donations to the Unrecables Ski Club to sponsor disabled persons on the LAC annual ski trip.

Winter Fox Ski Association helps to sponsor the Annual Community Dinner and Toy Drive to provide assistance to children/youth whose families are in transition

Northwest Ski Club Council's PACRAT Racing League competes in the annual Golden Rose Ski Classic at Timberline. Proceeds from the Golden Rose go to the Mt. Hood Ski Education Foundation and the Northwest Snow Sports Foundation, a direct benefit to northwest junior racers. In 2005 the PACRAT Racing League sponsored a Special Olympics team to compete in all PACRAT races. The Council encourages the activities of its member clubs to support community activities.

Altair Ski & Sports Club in Eugene, Oregon, sponsored a team for the Relay For Life and raised thousands of dollars over the years for the American Cancer Society, held a three month long canned food drive for Food for Lane County, collected Christmas presents for families receiving services through Head Start, collected aluminum pull tabs for the American Kidney Association, provided volunteers for the Special Olympics summer and winter events, participated in SOLV's beach clean up and are in the process of adopting a stretch of the McKenzie River as a SOLV sponsor. They are also in the process of developing a "scholarship" program to help low or fixed-income members with club dues. When a member is facing a health crisis, other members help out with meals, transportation and moral support. Community involvement is an on-going tradition for Altair.

Bergfreunde supports the Oregon Special Olympics winter program through the sale of raffle tickets and Entertainment Books, which raises about \$5,000 and the raffle winner receives a \$1,000 shopping spree. The club has supported Special Olympics Winter Games at Mt. Bachelor for 20 years with a variety of fund raising activities and a group of volunteers to help at the event. Members participate in a semi-annual road cleanup on Highway 26 to Mt. Hood and manning phones as on-air pledge takers for the Oregon Public Broadcasting pledge drive.

Cascade Prime Timers Ski Club contributes \$2 of each member's dues to a selected ski related charity. This year the contribution went to Oregon Special Olympics. In past years the club has contributed to Friends of Timberline, Silcox Hut, Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum, The Tea Cup Lake Oregon Nordic Club, Mt. Hood Ski Patrol, and the Northwest Ski Club Council's Scholarship Fund.

Northwest Snow Sports Foundation is a non-profit organization that raises funds to give to promising young junior ski racers in the form of Scholarships. The applicant must fill out a lengthy application and include racing photos, letters from coaches, teachers, a bio of themselves, a budget of proposed expenses, and proof of family income. Fundraisers include a golf tournament and a silent auction during the annual Golden Rose Ski Classic race in June at Timberline. The Foundation began as a committee of NWSCC but incorporated in 2000. Since then it has awarded \$22,000 to downhill and cross-country athletes.

Schnee Vogeli Ski Club members provide awards to the junior race program on Mt. Hood, provide an annual scholarship to a junior racer through the Northwest Snow Sports Foundation, raise funds for the Lion's Club through an annual dinner, and participate in an annual road cleanup on Highway 26 to Mt. Hood.

Skiyente Ski Club allocates one-third of their annual budget to charitable organizations, such as the scholarship fund for a female racer, SIDS, the Kids Ski Program and needy families at Christmas. Members participate in an

annual road cleanup on Highway 26 to Mt. Hood. They also provide an annual scholarship to a junior racer through Northwest Snow Sports Foundation.

Orange Council

Balboa Ski Club supports USARC at Bear Mountain Resorts

Fountain Valley Ski Club supports USARC at Bear Mountain Resorts

Snowbounders Ski Club donates \$100 to the Adaptive Ski Program at Big Bear, USARC.

San Diego Council of Ski Clubs and its member clubs donate ski clothes and equipment to the Youth At Risk Program, support the annual Toys for Tots Drive, and participate in the United States Adaptive Recreation Center by volunteering their time as adaptive ski instructors, to help specially challenged skiers enjoy the local mountains. The clubs and council actively support the Jimmie Heuga Center for MS with our annual Wine Maker dinner and family picnic as well as the Winter Gala. Member clubs donate time and money to Adopt an Olympian, the Chris Klug Foundation for Organ Donations and the Special Olympics.

Don Diego Ski Club, through the USO, donated \$1000 to a Marine Expeditionary Unit deployed to Iraq, when they were called to assist the Tsunami victims. The funds bought inexpensive cameras, toiletry articles, beef jerky, disposable headphone type radios, candy, gum, cookies, etc. A second donation has already been made, and this will reoccur from time to time. They also made donations to the USARC in Big Bear for disabled skiers.

Get Off Your Rocker Ski Club collects for the "Bookman." This organization provides donated books, playing cards, games and computers to senior centers, schools and the Polinsky Children's Center. Club members rebuilt a house on the San Pasquel Reservation under the Habitat for Humanity Program.

North Island Snowdrifters Ski Club held the annual food can drive for needy families. They participated in the annual Toys for Tots Drive with the U.S. Marine Corps. Each year the club donates used ski clothing and boots to the Youth at Risk Program. This year 14 lift tickets for Mt. Baldy and \$250 were also given to this program. The club donated \$250 to United States Adaptive Recreation Center. Club members auctioned off a Gingerbread House, with proceeds going to the charity of choice.

Pacific Rim Alliance Ski Club sponsors dinner events for the Jimmie Heuga Center and makes donations to the Unrecables Ski Club. They raised more than \$4,000 for the "Vertical Express" for The Heuga Center for MS.

Torrey Pines Ski Club donated to the Toys for Tots drive hosted by the United States Marine Corps

Sierra Council

Bear Valley Ski Club made donations to the Bear Valley Ski Patrol .

Reno Ski & Recreation held a benefit for the Great Basin Outdoor School.

Sacramento Fagowees participate in Eppies Great Race which benefits the Sacramento Disabled Sports.

Sierra League participated in the Code 3 races at Northstar. The event benefits the Pacific Burn Institute.

* If your club/council has a charity/community event or a donation of time/money to an organization which is not listed, please email the details to Sigrid Noack (FWSA Charities & Our Communities Chair) at sigridn@earthlink.net. FWSA relies on its clubs/councils to communicate to Sigrid their charity/community events or donations as they occur during the year.

2005 Recipient Donation Summary by Sigrid Noack

Summary of organizations to which volunteer time and/or money has been donated by Far West Ski Association councils, clubs and their members

9/11 Red Cross National Relief Fund
9/11 Rescue Dogs Relief Fund
9/11 Robin Hood Foundation Relief Fund
Adopt-a-Classroom program at Long Beach Aquarium
Adopt-a-Family program
Adopt-a-Highway program
Adopt-an-Olympian
AIDS Bike Ride
American Cancer Society's Relay for Life
American Stroke Association
Bear Valley Ski Patrol for Oxygen Unit
Becky's House, a battered women's shelter
Blood Drive
Book Drive
"Bookman" for Senior Centers
Breast Cancer Walk
Brighten a Life, a Home Start Agency
California Foundation for Children for underprivileged and at-risk
California International Air Show, Monterey County
Cedar House for Abused Mothers & Children
Chamber of Commerce
Chris Klug Foundation for Organ Donations
Christmas in April for the Needy
Christmas Toy Drive for women/children shelters
Clothing to the Homeless
Clothing & Equipment for Skiers with Disabilities
Compton Homeless Education Project
Disabled Sports, USA, Mother Lode Chapter
Disadvantaged Youth Mentoring
Disadvantaged Youth Recreational Skiing & Boarding Program
Eppie's Great Race for disabled sports
Feed the Homeless program
Female Racer Scholarship Fund
Food Drives
Habitat for Humanity
High School Ceramics Program
Highway Clean-up
Home for the Holidays with the Marines
Jimmie Heuga Center for Multiple Sclerosis
John Tracy Clinic for deaf children
Junior Ski Racer Scholarship Fund
Kidney Donation
Kids' Ski Program
Los Angeles November Flood Catastrophe
Leukemia Association
Lymphoma Association
Mammoth Lakes Foundation for Cerro Coso College
Marine Expeditionary Unit
Montrose Search & Rescue
Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum
Mt. Hood Ski Education Foundation
Multiple Sclerosis Society Walks & Bike Rides
NCAA ski/race program
Northwest Harvest, hunger relief agency
Northwest Snow Sports Foundation, scholarships for junior racers
Pacific Burn Institute, Code 3 races
Paso Robles Earthquake Relief fund
Pierce College Disabled Ski Program
Polinsky Children's Center
San Diego "Cedar" Fire victims
Sarajevo Olympic Site, reforestation
Scholarship Fund for Female Racers
Search & Rescue of Montrose
Shoebox Ministries for the homeless
Ski for All for Tahoe Adaptive Ski School
Ski Patrol, Sponsor a Rescue Sled
Ski Swap for NCAA Ski/Race Program at U of NV
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
Special Olympics, Arizona Ski Patrol
Special Olympics, Arizona Winter/Summer Games
Special Olympics, Oregon
Stop-Gap for Schools, Hospitals, Cancer Patients & Abused Women
Stroke Walk
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
Sun Peak's Health Association
Sunshine Kids with Cancer Program
Swim With Mike at USC
Tahoe Adaptive Ski School
Telluride Adaptive Sports Program (TASP)
The United Way
The Unrecables Ski Club
Thomas J. Pappas School for homeless children
Thousand Oaks Women's Shelter for battered women & their children
Toys for Tots
Tree People Organization
US Adaptive Recreation Center
US Ski Team
Valley View Vaulters for Disabled Children
Women's shelters
Youth Sports Mentoring Program

FWSA Minutes

Annual Meeting, June 12-13, 2004, Reno/Sparks, NV
by Candee Marsh, Secretary



MINUTES
ANNUAL MEETING AND CONVENTION
FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION
JUNE 12-13, 2004
RENO/SPARKS, NEVADA

The 72nd Annual Meeting and Convention of the Far West Ski Association was held at the John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks, Nevada.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2004

GENERAL SESSION

President Mike Sanford called the meeting to order on June 12, 2004 at 8:05 am. A warm welcome was extended to all delegates and industry representatives, with special appreciation to the Sierra Council and leaders and volunteers for hosting this convention. Mike introduced the 2004-2005 FWSA Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, Committee Chairpersons, Council Presidents, Appointed Representatives, League Chairpersons and Special Guests to the delegation. Mike reminded all delegates to sign the position statement on the Mt. Bartolomew program.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Sheri Parshall reported the final count of the list of delegates will be given on Sunday morning.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Randy Lew, Chair of the Nominating Committee, introduced the following candidates for office:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Randy Lew

The Nominating Committee entered the following names for offices:

Trustees (2)	Ken Calkins (incumbent), Gene Fulkerson
President	Robb Margrave, Susie Vetter
Secretary	Mike Sanford
Treasurer	Candee Marsh
VP of International Travel	Nancy Kelly
VP of Marketing	Tucker Hoffmann, John Watson
VP of Communications	Debbi Kor
VP of Membership	Elaine Cobos
	Robin Georgeff, Sylvia Kearns, Grace Findeisen

Mike Sanford explained the caucus process and noted the council room assignments.

COUNCILS' MAN & WOMAN RECOGNITION PROGRAM REPORT

Donn Bryant was absent due to the judging meeting. Mike Sanford reported there were 16 candidates for the Man & Woman Recognition Program. Mike thanked the council volunteers for their involvement and competitive enthusiasm and sponsorship by Big White and Silver Star resorts.

COMMUNICATION AND CLUB AWARDS REPORT

Karen Davis, VP Communications, discussed the Tollakson Outstanding Ski Club, Wentworth Outstanding Publication, and Outstanding Club Web Site contests. Newsletters and websites were judged before the convention, with a total of 16 entries. Winners will be announced on Sunday.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Bylaws Chairperson Randy Lew directed our attention to the delegate book page 30 and read proposals to amend the bylaws. Voting will take place on Sunday. The amendments included:

Proposal 1: Section 11.2.6 - To amend the description of VP of Domestic Travel to VP of North American travel to better describe the function of this position; and

Proposal 2: Section 11.3.3 - To clean up the staggered election wording for VP of North American Travel.

INDUSTRY MARKETING REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Barbara Razo's report included congratulating Sierra Council for their convention contributions, announcing unclaimed silent auction packages, and explaining the live auction during lunch. Catherine Ohl explained the procedure for the travel carousel, with councils rotating rooms, and how to use the lift tickets.

Moved by Delegate #174, Sigrid Noack, that the meeting recess.

Seconded by Delegate #10, Randy Lew.

Motion Carried.

Meeting recessed at 8:40 am until Sunday morning.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2003

GENERAL SESSION RECONVENED

The 72nd Annual Meeting and Convention of the Far West Ski Association reconvened and was called to order by President Mike Sanford at 8:40 am.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Candee Marsh, Secretary

Candee Marsh referred to the May 31-June 1, 2003 Annual Meeting and Convention Minutes, prepared by Candee M. Hendricks, Secretary, at the 71st FWSA Convention in Palm Springs, California.

Moved Delegate #202, Mike Rogers, that the minutes be accepted as submitted.

MSC **Seconded** Delegate #174, Sigrid Noack.

Secretary's **Motion carried.**

Report

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Sheri Parshall announced there are 242 voting delegates.

PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT - John Watson, Parliamentarian

John Watson announced this meeting will abide by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT – Randy Lew

Randy Lew read from page 30 of the delegate book regarding proposed amendments:

PROPOSAL 1: Section 11.2 Titles of Elected Officers

Amend description VP of Domestic Travel to VP of North American travel to better describe the function of this position.

CURRENT WORDING:

Section 11.2.6 VP of Domestic Travel

PROPOSED NEW WORDING:

Section 11.2.6 VP of **North American** Travel

PROPOSAL 2: Section 11.3 Terms of office of Elected Offices

Clean up the staggered election wording for VP of North American Travel.

CURRENT WORDING:

Section 11.3.3 The remaining elected offices shall be for two (2) year terms and the elections for these offices shall be staggered with the offices of the Vice Presidents of Marketing, Membership and Communications and International Travel being elected in the alternate years from the Vice Presidents of Domestic Travel, Public Affairs, Recreation & Safety and Councils.

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MSC

Delegate #202, Mike Rogers called the question.

Motion carried.

Bylaws

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Randy Lew

The Nominating Committee entered the following names for offices:

Trustees (2)	Ken Calkins (incumbent), Gene Fulkerson Robb Margrave, Susie Vetter
President	Mike Sanford
Secretary	Candee Marsh
Treasurer	Nancy Kelly
VP of International Travel	Tucker Hoffmann, John Watson
VP of Marketing	Debbi Kor
VP of Communications	Elaine Cobos
VP of Membership	Robin Georgeff, Sylvia Kearns, Grace Findeisen

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Randy Lew outlined the ballot procedure and ballots were distributed. There will be nominations from the floor, with seconds not required, and speeches will be 3 minutes. Randy Lew conducted the elections.

TRUSTEES

Trustee #1

The Nominating Committee entered the names of Ken Calkins, Gene Fulkerson.

Delegate # 259, Bonnie West, moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate #11, Linda Westlund, seconded.

The candidates gave their speeches and a secret ballot was taken. Ken Calkins was elected Trustee #1.

Trustee #2

The Nominating Committee entered the names of Gene Fulkerson, Robb Margrave, Susie Vetter.

Delegate #66, John Fagan, moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate #46, Ethan Chickering, seconded.

The candidates gave their speeches and a secret ballot was taken. Robb Margrave was elected Trustee #2.

PRESIDENT - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Mike Sanford.

Delegate # 202, Mike Rogers, moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate #99, Dennis Heffley, seconded.

The Nominating Committee entered a ballot of acclamation for Mike Sanford, President.

SECRETARY - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Candee Marsh.

Delegate #8 Karen Davis, moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate #99, Dennis Hefley, seconded.

The Nominating Committee entered a ballot of acclamation for Candee Marsh, Secretary.

TREASURER - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Nancy Kelly.

Delegate #8, Karen Davis, moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate #100, Roy Heilpern, seconded.

The Nominating Committee entered a ballot of acclamation for Nancy Kelly, Treasurer.

VP OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL - The Nominating Committee entered the names of Tucker Hoffmann, John Watson.

Delegate #8, Karen Davis, moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate #6, Sheri Parshall, seconded.

Each candidate gave a speech and a secret ballot was taken. Tucker Hoffmann was elected VP International Travel.

VP OF MARKETING - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Debbi Kor.

Delegate # 66, John Fagan, moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate # 202, Mike Rogers, seconded.

The Nominating Committee entered a ballot of acclamation for Debbi Kor, VP of Marketing.

VP OF COMMUNICATIONS - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Elaine Cobos.

Delegate # 11, Linda Westlund, moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate # 20, Karen Albrecht, seconded.

The Nominating Committee entered a ballot of acclamation for Elaine Cobos, VP of Communications.

VP OF MEMBERSHIP - The Nominating Committee entered the names of Grace Findeisen (not present), Robin Georgeoff, Sylvia Kearns.

Delegate # 250, Susie Vetter moved the nominations be closed.
Delegate #274, Kenneth Zuorro seconded.

Each candidate, except Grace Findeisen, gave a speech and a secret ballot was taken. Sylvia Kearns was elected VP of Membership.

The meeting **recessed** for brunch at 10:30 am.

The FWSA 72nd Annual Meeting **reconvened** at 11:00 am.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Nancy Kelly, Treasurer

Nancy Kelly referred to the delegate book for her treasurer's report, including Comparative Balance Sheet, Preliminary Comparative Income/Expense Statement, and Preliminary Detailed Expenditures by Cost Center, comparing 2003 to 2004.

**MSC
Treasurer's
Report**

Moved Delegate #3, Nancy Kelly, that the treasurer's report be accepted as submitted.
Seconded Delegate #4, Candee Marsh.
Motion carried.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S REPORT – Randy Lew

Chairman Randy Lew discussed the Trustee's Report on pages 27-29 of the delegate book, including congratulating Cheryl Reiss for The Councilman, Steve Coxen for the website, Joe Loader for the Awards Program, and Debbi Kor for new sponsors and the first FWSA calendar.

Update on 2003 Resolution #2 – Substantive Resolution – Dues Increase

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Trustees be charged with the responsibility of drafting a bylaw recommendation that addresses the issues of direct membership benefits and associated costs, direct family membership, and a staggered dues system.

Linda Westlund reported her committee supports \$20 as an appropriate price for mailings and membership cards, and the committee is working with councils to provide future family trips.

Update on 2003 Resolution #3– Substantive Resolution – John Gambill Award

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the award for Ski Week's outstanding volunteer be known as the 'John Gambill Award'.

Randy Lew reported this resolution has been referred to the travel staff.

INDUSTRY MARKETING REPORT - Jane Wyckoff

Jane Wyckoff announced convention cash sponsorships of \$8,000. Jane recognizes Leigh Gieringer for her contributions to the Skier's Guide. Barbara Razo thanks the Sierra Council for making this convention a success. Friday Silent Auction proceeds were \$43,525, and Saturday's Mammoth live auction netted \$1,875.

FWSA OFFICERS' REPORTS - VP COUNCILS REPORT – Michael German

Michael German thanked council presidents and discussed FWSA poster displays at resorts, the expectation of family week in 2007, collaborating with Debbi Kor for sponsorships, improvement in the cover of Skier's Guide, and 26 candidates competed for Man & Woman of the Year with Big White and Silver Star as sponsors.

VP COMMUNICATIONS REPORT- Karen Davis

Karen Davis reported on the awards and website committees. Karen gave thanks to the judges and distributed performance recognition certificates for Newsletters, Websites and Outstanding Clubs. Karen also thanked Leigh Gieringer for Skier's Guide, Cheryl Riess for The Councilman, and Steve Coxen for the website.

VP NORTH AMERICAN TRAVEL REPORT – Lynnell Calkins

Lynnell Calkins announced the 2005 FWSA Ski Week will be in Aspen, Colorado.

VP INTERNATIONAL REPORT – Kathy Hoffmann

Kathy Hoffmann reported the 2005 FWSA European ski trip will be to St. Moritz, Switzerland, with a post-trip to Malta and Gozo. Adventure trips for this year sold out. Japan will be next year.

FWSA COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VP RECREATION AND SAFETY REPORT – Ed Knott

Ed Knott discussed the FWSA Recreation program at the council level. Richard Lubin chairs the Safety committee. Ed congratulates Bob Ellis for winning Safety Person of the Year.

VP PUBLIC AFFAIRS – Scott Bowker

Scott Bowker discussed public affairs, including the FWSA travel website indicating baggage limits on various airlines, with Diane Starley of the New Mexico Council heading the airline committee. Scott outlined the implications of IRS section 501(c)7 on our organization. Scott will email us convention feedback forms.

CONVENTION REPORT 2005 – Catherine Ohl

Catherine Ohl reports on next year's convention at the Westin in Long Beach, California, including expected history exhibits with club displays, and instead of caucuses and seminars there will be a history reception and reunion.

RESOLUTIONS – Resolutions were read from the floor.

Resolution #1 – Substantive Resolution – Award Nominations

WHEREAS, The FWSA Award Nominations have traditionally relied on the strength of a well written nomination outlining a candidates qualifications for any particular honor and did not include the nominator's name.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, a survey of all past honorees be made to determine whether the nominator's names should appear on future FWSA nominations sent out for voting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the effect of such changes be incorporated into the 2005 selection process.

Moved: Delegate #95, Maxine Hanlon.

Seconded: Delegate #78, Jessica Freeman.

Referred to the Awards Program.

Resolution #2 – Laudatory Resolution – Harry Davis Proclamation

WHEREAS, for many years Harry Davis has presided over clubs, leagues and the Farwest; and

WHEREAS, he created fundraisers which have raised the coffers and awareness of Disabled Sports USA and others; and

WHEREAS, Harry has continued to show us all the lesson that while doing all of this you can still have fun!; and

WHEREAS, meetings will now be quieter without Harry contributing his thoughts and words of wisdom; and

WHEREAS, less we forget that "behind every great man is a great woman;" Well, in Harry's case, Karen is standing right beside him!!

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Harry Davis, we at this Far West Convention, The Bay Area Council of Ski Clubs, and your friends from near and far say.....Thank You.

Moved: Delegate #99, Dennis Heffley.
Seconded: Delegate #1, Mike Sanford.
Motion Carried

Resolution #3 – Laudatory Resolution – John Watson Homeland Security

WHEREAS, the Sierra Council Hospitality Suite has been invaded by alcoholic terrorists bent on draining all spirits from the Star Suite and in need of AA's 12-step program, Sierra requests a budget to include covert operations at the North Pole.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, John Watson be appointed Chief of FWSA's Homeland Security in Hospitality Suites at future conventions.

Moved: Delegate #35, Barbara Bryant.
Seconded: Delegate #106, Woody Hogan.
Motion Carried

Resolution #4 – Laudatory Resolution – Dr. Know's Trip to Hades

WHEREAS, the position of VP of International Travel had two candidates; and

WHEREAS, each pushed special trips for the upcoming year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, we thank the Almighty that "Dr. Know" did not succeed in his bid, since his next trip was a roundtrip non-inclusive, zero baggage, barefoot cruise to the Island of Hades, otherwise known as the "Trip from Hell."

Moved: Delegate #103, Diane Hicks
Seconded: Delegate #5, Michael German; Delegate #10, Randy Lew
Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Sanford thanks outgoing board members for their service on the Far West board.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Delegate #66, John Fagan, that the 72nd Annual Meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by Delegate #12, Ken Calkins.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Candee Marsh

Candee Marsh, 2004-2005 FWSA Secretary

FWSA Bylaws

As Amended June 13, 2004

By Randall K. Lew,

Chairman of the Board of Trustees

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06/13/2004

FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

1.0 NAME

1.1 The name of this organization shall be "FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION".

2.0 PURPOSES

2.1 The purposes for which Far West Ski Association was formed and is operated and conducted are exclusively charitable, educational, civic, recreational and social; and its primary objectives are

To take an active civic interest in and to encourage, develop and maintain the sport of skiing as a healthful outdoor recreation.

To promote, encourage and maintain friendly relations between skiers, members and other organizations interested in the sport of skiing; to cooperate with other such organizations instituted and maintained for purposes comparable to the purposes of this Association.

To cooperate, if required, with any governmental or other agency engaged in activities affecting the sport of skiing and winter sports, to the end that the public at large may obtain the fullest appropriate use and enjoyment of areas particularly adapted to wintertime use and recreation.

To develop skill in skiing and to standardize rules governing ski competitions, races and other ski events.

To establish and maintain uniform tests of amateur standing among skiers in conformity with the higher ideals of a gentlemanly sport.

To render such services as do not contemplate the distribution of gains, profits or dividends to its members and for all the purposes for which individuals may associate themselves subject to the laws and regulations applicable to nonprofit corporations of the State of California.

In general, to carry on any business and to exercise all rights and privileges and do all things incidental or desirable for carrying out the foregoing purposes.

3.0 AUTONOMY

3.1 Far West Ski Association, sometimes referred to as "FWSA" or the "Association", herein, is an autonomous non-profit California corporation.

4.0 CONTROL OF PROPERTY

4.1 The Association shall not be liable for any debts other than its own, shall not enter into any form of guarantees for the debts of another, and no property, real or personal, belonging to the Association shall be subject to the debts of or control from any other organization.

5.0 FISCAL YEAR

5.1 The fiscal year shall begin May 1 of each year.

6.0 GEOGRAPHIC AREA

6.1 Far West Ski Association shall restrict its membership recruiting to those geographic areas as determined by the Board of Directors of this Association which for most part will cover those geographic areas which have historically been recognized as the Far West Region.

7.0 RULES OF ORDER

7.1 All meetings of the Association, and meetings of the Board of Directors, Board of Trustees and Councils Committee shall be run in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order except where otherwise stated in these By-Laws.

8.0 MEMBERSHIP

8.1 Membership shall be open to all individuals who subscribe to the goals and purposes of this organization.

8.2 Definitions for Membership

8.2.1 A "Member" shall be any individual who has fulfilled the requirements and application procedures for membership as set forth in Section 8.4.1, herein, and has paid the annual dues, if any, as prescribed by the Association.

8.2.2 A "Club Member" shall be any individual Member who is a member in good standing of an FWSA "Affiliated Ski Club".

8.2.3 A "Direct Member" shall be any individual Member who is not a member of an FWSA "Affiliated Ski Club".

8.2.4 A "Honorary Member" shall be any deserving individuals who by affirmative vote of the Board of Directors is so designated.

8.2.5 A "Ski Club" shall be a ski club, ski association or other ski organization which has at least 10 individual members in good standing in accordance with the membership requirements of that club, association or organization.

8.2.6 An "Affiliated Ski Club", hereinafter referred to as "Ski Club", herein, shall be a Ski Club which has fulfilled the requirements and application procedures for affiliation as set forth in Section 8.4, herein, has had its affiliation request accepted and processed by FWSA and has paid the current annual affiliation fee, if any, as prescribed by the Association.

8.2.7 An "Unaffiliated Club" shall refer to any Ski Club which is not affiliated with FWSA.

8.2.8 A "Council Club" shall be any "Affiliated Ski Club" which is a member in good standing of an FWSA Council.

8.2.9 A "Direct Club" shall be any "Affiliated Ski Club" which is not a member of an FWSA Council.

8.2.10 FWSA Members or Individual Members shall refer to the total number of Club Members and Direct Members of the Association.

8.2.11 FWSA Affiliated Ski Clubs shall refer to the total number of Council Clubs and Direct Clubs of the Association.

8.3 Categories of Membership

8.3.1 Club Member (individual)

8.3.2 Direct Member (individual)

8.3.3 Honorary Member (individual)

8.4 Requirements and Application for Membership or Affiliation

8.4.1 Application for membership shall be submitted in writing/on the Association's Membership Application Form, accompanied by the appropriate dues as set by the Association and addressed to the V.P. of Membership of the Association.

8.4.2 A ski club, ski association or other ski organization must qualify as a Ski Club as defined in Section 8.2.4, herein, to become affiliated with FWSA.

8.4.3 Any ski club, ski association or other ski organization, whether incorporated or unincorporated, with its regular meeting place within the membership recruitment area of the Far West Ski Association, may apply to become an Affiliated Ski Club of the Association by following the procedures as set forth, herein.

8.4.4 Application for Ski Club affiliation shall be submitted in writing/on the Association's Affiliation Application Form, accompanied by appropriate fees; addressed to the V.P. of Membership of the Association; and signed by the responsible executive officer of the applicant/Ski Club.

8.4.5 Application for Ski Club affiliation shall be accompanied by a copy of the applicant's Articles of Incorporation, Partnership Agreement, Unincorporated Association Agreement, Constitution or other similar enabling document; a copy of its By-Laws, if any; and a list of all of its members at the time of application.

8.5 Additional Categories of Membership

8.5.1 The Board of Directors is authorized to create additional categories of membership, to be effective as specified by the Board of Directors and such action by the Board of Directors shall be subject to ratification by the Delegates at the next Annual Meeting of the Association, but no changes may be made by the Board of Directors to the existing categories of membership as set forth in these By-Laws.

8.6 Benefits of Membership

8.6.1 Individual members shall have the right to attend meetings of the Association; express their opinions on matters considered at those meetings; hold an elected office or position on the Board of Trustees; hold Committee positions within the Association; receive all regularly issued publications of the Association and any special benefits offered by the Association, from time to time; and have such other rights, privileges and benefits as are set forth in these By-Laws.

8.7 Expulsion from Membership or Affiliation

8.7.1 Any individual Member or any Affiliated Ski Club may be expelled from membership or affiliation, respectively, by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of all votes actually cast on the issue at any Annual Meeting or at any Special Meeting called for such purpose.

9.0 DUES AND FEES

9.1 Establishment and changing of Dues and Fees

- 9.1.1 Dues and fees shall be established or changed at the Annual meeting of the Association by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of all the registered Delegates at the meeting at which the establishment or change is being considered.
- 9.1.2 The Board of Directors is authorized to establish appropriate membership dues for any categories of membership established pursuant to Section 8.5, herein, and such action by the Board of Directors shall be subject to ratification by the Delegates at the next Annual meeting of the Association, but no changes may be made by the Board of Directors to the dues which have been previously ratified by the membership for any existing categories of membership.
- 9.1.3 Dues for Direct Members shall always be set at least \$5.00 higher than the dues for Club Members of Non-100% Ski Clubs, as long as 100% and Non-100% Ski Clubs' dues are different amounts, otherwise, dues for Direct Members will just be set at least \$5.00 higher than dues for Ski Club Members.

10.0 MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

10.1 Definitions for Meetings of the Association

- 10.1.1 A person shall be considered registered at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Association after filling out the required registration form(s) and paying the required registration fee(s), if any, for such meeting.
- 10.1.2 A "Delegate" shall be an individual who is a Member in good standing of FWSA as set forth in Section 8.0, herein, is registered as set forth in Section 10.1.1 and is officially registered with the Credentials Committee as set forth in Section 10.4.2, herein, at the Annual or Special Meeting of the Association then in session.
- 10.1.3 A member of a Ski Club shall be a person who has been officially accepted as a member of said Ski Club in accordance with said Ski Club's membership requirements and policies, is currently a member in good standing of said Ski Club and may not be a person who is still an applicant of said Ski Club.
- 10.1.4 The "Direct Members' bloc" shall be made up of all of the current Direct Members of record of the organization.

10.2 Annual Meeting of the Association

- 10.2.1 The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held between April 1 and July 1 of each year, on a date to be determined by the Board of Directors.
- 10.2.2 The agenda at the Annual Meeting of the Association shall include the following:
- Presentation and consideration of credentials
 - Reading of minutes of last meeting.
 - Reports from the President and Treasurer.
 - Committee and panel meetings.
 - Reports from Committees, which have not previously been submitted to the members.
 - Unfinished business.
 - New business.
 - Report from the Nominating Committee and election of

Officers and Trustees.
Adjournment.

10.3 Special Meetings of the Association

10.3.1 Special Meetings of the Association shall be called by the Secretary, upon the written request of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors or upon written request of either one-third (1/3) of the individual members or one-third (1/3) of the Ski Clubs.

10.4 Delegates to Meetings of the Association

10.4.1 A Delegate may represent either Club Members or Direct Members at a Meeting of the Association, but not both and may not be a Delegate for more than one Ski Club.

10.4.2 To be an officially registered Delegate, a person must be on the Delegate list submitted by the Ski Club which they will represent or Delegate list from the registered Direct Members representing the Direct Members' bloc. Such lists must be submitted to the Credentials Committee prior to the time set for such submission at the Meeting then in session.

10.4.3 Each Ski Club may appoint Delegates to all Annual and Special Meetings of the Association pursuant to Section 10.7.1, herein, and these Delegates shall be representing Club Members of the Association, but no person shall be appointed as a Delegate of a Ski Club, by that Ski Club, unless that person is a member in good standing of that Ski Club.

10.4.4 Delegates representing the Direct Members bloc shall be appointed by the Direct Members registered at the Annual or Special Meeting of the Association then in session and pursuant to Section 10.7.3, herein.

10.4.5 Each Ski Club shall be entitled to appoint Delegates, based on its number of members as set forth in Section 10.7.1, herein, according to the formula as set forth in Section 10.7.3.

10.5 Quorum for Meetings of the Association

10.5.1 A quorum shall consist of a majority of the total number of officially registered Delegates.

10.6 Voting Procedures for Meetings of the Association

10.6.1 Votes at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Association may only be cast by officially registered Delegates to said meeting.

10.6.2 Each Delegate present at any Annual or Special Meeting of the Association and present at such Meeting at the time a vote is taken on any motion, matter or issue presented to the Delegates for consideration, shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote on such motion, matter or issue, unless otherwise stated, herein.

10.6.3 Passage of any motion, matter or issue presented to the Delegates for consideration at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Association, shall require a majority vote of the quorum as set forth in Section 10.5.1, herein, unless otherwise stated, herein.

10.7 Determination of the Number of Delegates at Meetings of the Association.

10.7.1 The number of Delegates which may be appointed by a Ski Club or the Direct Members' bloc shall be determined pursuant to Section 10.7.3, herein, based on the number of members of record

of said Ski Club or the Direct Member bloc as of forty-five (45) days prior to the date of each Annual meeting or as of the date of any Special Meeting.

10.7.2 Any dispute concerning the number of Delegates shall be resolved by the Credentials Committee.

10.7.3 The formula for calculating the number of Delegates which may be appointed by each Ski Club and the Direct Members' bloc at Annual and Special Meetings of the Association is:

<u>No. of members in a Ski Club or in the Direct Members' bloc</u>	<u>Total Number of Delegates Entitled to be Appointed</u>
At least:	
10	2
15	3
20	4
30	5
40	6
50	7
60	8
70	9
80	10
90	11
100	12
125	13
150	14
175	15
200	16
250	17
300	18
350	19
400 or more	20

10.8 Notice of Meetings of the Association

10.8.1 Notice of all Annual and Special Meetings of the Association shall be given at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date set for the meeting and shall include the important items on the agenda for the meeting.

11.0 ELECTED OFFICES

11.1 Definitions for Elected Offices

11.1.1 An "Officer", sometimes referred to as an "Elected Officer", herein, of the Association shall be any individual elected to an elected office as set forth in Section 11.2, herein.

11.2 Titles of Elected Offices

- 11.2.1 President
- 11.2.2 Secretary
- 11.2.3 Treasurer
- 11.2.4 V.P. of Membership
- 11.2.5 V.P. of Marketing

- 11.2.6 V.P. of North American Travel
- 11.2.7 V.P. of Public Affairs
- 11.2.8 V.P. of Communications
- 11.2.9 V.P. of Recreation & Safety
- 11.2.10 V.P. of Councils
- 11.2.11 V.P. of International Travel

11.3 Terms of office of Elected Offices

- 11.3.1 Terms of office shall begin on the day of the election.
- 11.3.2 The elected offices of President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be for one (1) year terms and shall, therefore, be elected annually.
- 11.3.3 The remaining elected offices shall be for two (2) year terms and the elections for these offices shall be staggered with the offices of the Vice Presidents of Marketing, Membership, Communications and International Travel being elected in the alternate years from the Vice Presidents of North American Travel, Public Affairs, Recreation & Safety and Councils.
- 11.3.4 The Officers shall serve the terms as set forth in Sections 11.3.2 and 11.3.3, herein, or until their successors take office.

11.4 Eligibility for Election to Elected Offices

- 11.4.1 Any individual Member may be nominated and elected at an Annual Meeting of the Association for any one of the elected offices of the Association up for election at that Annual Meeting.
- 11.4.2 Any individual nominated for an elected office shall hold an individual membership in the Association as required in Section 8.0, herein, and if elected to an elected office, said individual shall maintain such membership in the Association during their term of office.

11.5 Voting for Elected Offices

- 11.5.1 Each Delegate, as defined in Section 10.1.2, herein, shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote for one (1) candidate in each elected office up for election at an Annual meeting of the Association.

11.6 Election to Elected Offices

- 11.6.1 The candidate who receives the highest number of the votes cast in an election for an office of the Association, shall be elected to such office.
- 11.6.2 In the event of a tie for the highest number of the votes cast in an election, there shall be a run-off vote between the candidates tied for the highest number of the votes cast.

11.7 Duties of Elected Officers

- 11.7.1 The Officers of this Association shall perform such executive and administrative duties and functions as shall be within the designation of their respective offices as well as such additional duties and functions as may be assigned, from time to time, by the President or Board of Directors.

11.8 Line of Authority for Elected Officers

11.8.1 The Secretary, Treasurer and all Vice Presidents of the Association shall report directly to the President and shall be directed by the President in the performance of the duties and functions of their offices.

11.9 Resignation from Elected Offices

11.9.1 Any Officer of the Association may, at any time, resign their position and said resignation shall become effective in accordance with its terms upon receipt of said resignation, in writing, by the President or Secretary of the Association.

11.10 Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices

11.10.1 In the event of a vacancy in any elected office of the Association, the Board of Directors shall, within thirty (30) days, appoint a qualified person to fill such vacant office or position until that office of position is filled by an election by the Delegates at the next Annual Meeting of the Association. If the position, filled by the appointment by the Board of Directors, would not normally be scheduled for election at the next Annual Meeting, the election, referred to above, of the new Officer shall only be for the length of time which remains in the original term for that office.

11.11 Dual Positions in Elected Offices

11.11.1 No individual may hold or be elected to more than one elected office at the same time, or serve as Immediate Past President and hold an elected office at the same time.

11.11.2 No individual may hold or be elected to an elected office while holding an elected position on the Board of Trustees.

11.12 Removal from Elected Offices

11.12.1 Notice of intent to propose removal of an Officer to the Members of the Association and notice of the meeting of the Board of Directors at which the proposed removal will be considered shall be mailed to all members of the Board of Directors and the Officer whose removal is sought at least fourteen (14) days prior to said meeting and the Officer whose removal is being sought shall be afforded the opportunity to respond to the Board of Directors prior to the Board of Directors taking a vote on the proposed removal at the meeting referred to in the above mentioned notice.

11.12.2 Upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the total number members of the Board of Directors, a recommendation for removal of an Officer shall be presented to the Delegates at the next Annual Meeting or a Special Meeting of the Association called for said purpose. Written notice of said meeting stating the purpose of said meeting shall be mailed to the Members of the Association not less than fourteen (14) days prior to said meeting.

12.0 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

12.1 Definitions for the Board of Trustees

12.1.1 A "Trustee" of the Association shall be any individual who is a member of the Board of Trustees as set forth in Section 12.3, herein.

12.1.2 An "ex officio" member of the Board of Trustees is a member by virtue of their position or office as set forth in Section 12.3.2, herein.

12.2 Number of Members on the Board of Trustees

12.2.1 The Board of Trustees shall consist of seven (7) individuals.

12.3 Members of the Board of Trustees

12.3.1 There shall be four (4) elected members of the Board of Trustees.

12.3.2 There shall be three (3) ex officio members of the Board of Trustees, being the President, Immediate Past President and Treasurer of the Association.

12.4 Terms of Position on the Board of Trustees

12.4.1 Terms of position for Trustees shall begin on the day of the election.

12.4.2 Trustees shall be elected for two (2) year terms and the elections for the Trustees shall be staggered so that two (2) Trustees are elected each year.

12.4.3 The Trustees shall serve the terms as set forth in Section 12.4.2, herein, or until their successors take office.

12.5 Eligibility for election to the Board of Trustees

12.5.1 Any individual nominated for a Trustees position shall hold an individual membership in the Association as required in Section 8.0, herein, and if elected to said Trustees position, said individual shall maintain such membership in the Association during their term as a Trustee.

12.5.2 Any individual Member may be nominated and elected at an Annual Meeting of the Association for one (1) of the two (2) Trustees positions up for election at that Annual Meeting.

12.6 Voting for Trustees

12.6.1 Each Delegate, as defined in Section 10.1.2, herein, shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote for one (1) of the candidates running for each Trustee position up for election at an Annual meeting of the Association.

12.7 Election to the Board to Trustees

12.7.1 The candidate who receives the highest number of the votes cast in an election for an open position on the Board of Trustees of the Association, shall be elected to such office.

12.7.2 In the event of a tie for the highest number of the votes cast in an election, there shall be a run-off vote between the candidates tied for the highest number of the votes cast.

12.8 Chairman of the Board of Trustees

12.8.1 The Chairman of the Board of Trustees must be one of the elected Trustees and may not be the Association's President, Past President or Treasurer.

12.8.2 The Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall be elected annually by the members of the Board of Trustees at the first meeting of the Board of Trustees following each Annual Meeting of the Association pursuant to the requirements for action by the Board of Trustees as set forth in Section 12.11, herein.

12.9 Meetings of the Board of Trustees

12.9.1 The Board of Trustees shall meet at least two (2) times annually.

12.9.2 The Chairman of the Board of Trustees, as set forth in Section 12.8, herein, shall preside at meetings of the Board of Trustees.

12.9.3 Meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be called, scheduled and/or authorized by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees or any four (4) Trustees.

12.9.4 Minutes of all meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be accurately kept and copies of those minutes shall be mailed to every member of the Board of Trustees, Board of Directors and Councils Committee in a timely manner.

12.10 Quorum Required for meetings of the Board of Trustees

12.10.1 A quorum of the Board of Trustees shall be necessary for the Board of Trustees to take action.

12.10.2 A quorum of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a majority of the total number of Trustees.

12.11 Requirements for Action by the Board of Trustees

12.11.1 Action by the Board of Trustees, pursuant to Section 12.10.1, herein, shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the Trustees present, unless otherwise stated, herein.

12.11.2 No member of the Board of Trustees may vote upon a matter being considered at any meeting of the Board of Trustees unless that member is present at said meeting and present at the time the vote is taken.

12.11.3 The members of the Board of Trustees shall have no powers to act individually in their capacities as members of the Board of Trustees, but may act only as a Board.

12.12 Duties of the Board of Trustees

12.12.1 The Board of Trustees shall be in charge of long-range planning for the Association as well as insuring that the Association's corporate records are maintained and timely filings are made.

12.13 Resignation from the Board of Trustees

12.13.1 Any Trustee of the Association may, at any time, resign their position and said resignation shall become effective in accordance with its terms upon receipt of said resignation, in writing, by the President or Secretary of the Association.

12.14 Filling Vacancies on the Board of Trustees

12.14.1 In the event of a vacancy in an elected Trustees position, the Board of Directors shall, within thirty (30) days, appoint a qualified person to fill such vacant position until that position is filled by an election by the Delegates at the next Annual Meeting of the Association. If the position, filled by the appointment by the Board of Directors, would not normally be scheduled for election at the next Annual Meeting, the election, referred to above, of the new Trustee shall only be for the length of time which remains in the original term for that Trustee position.

12.15 Dual Positions on the Board of Trustees

12.15.1 No individual may hold or be elected to more than one elected Trustee position at the same time.

12.15.2 No individual may hold or be elected to a Trustee position while holding an “elected office”.

12.16 Removal from the Board of Trustees

12.16.1 Notice of intent to propose removal of a Trustee to the Members of the Association and notice of the meeting of the Board of Directors at which the proposed removal will be considered shall be mailed to all members of the Board of Directors and the Trustee whose removal is sought at least fourteen (14) days prior to said meeting and the Trustee whose removal is being sought shall be afforded the opportunity to respond to the Board of Directors prior to the Board of Directors taking a vote on the proposed removal at the meeting referred to in the above mentioned notice.

12.16.2 Upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of members of the Board of Directors, a recommendation for removal of a Trustee shall be presented to the Delegates at a Special Meeting of the Association. Written notice of said meeting stating the purpose of said meeting shall be mailed to the Members of the Association not less than fourteen (14) days prior to said meeting.

13.0 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

13.1 Definitions for the Board of Directors

13.1.1 A “Director” of the Association shall be any individual who is a member of the Board of Directors as set forth in Section 13.2, herein.

13.1.2 The “Immediate Past President” is the individual who last held the elected office of President immediately prior to the individual currently holding the office of President.

13.2 Members of the Board of Directors

13.2.1 The Board of Directors shall consist of the Elected Officers (as set forth in Section 11.2, herein), Immediate Past President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Association.

13.3 Chairman of the Board of Directors

13.3.1 The President of the Association shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

13.4 Meetings of the Board of Directors

13.4.1 The Board of Directors shall meet at least two (2) times annually.

13.4.2 The Chairman of the Board of Directors, as set forth in Section 13.3, herein, or in his/her absence the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, as set forth in Section 12.8, herein, shall preside at meetings of the Board of Directors.

13.4.3 Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called, scheduled and/or authorized by the Chairman of the Board of Directors or by any seven (7) Directors.

13.4.4 Minutes of all meeting of the Board of Directors shall be accurately kept by the Secretary of the Association and copies of those minutes shall be mailed to every member of the Board of Directors, Board of Trustees and Councils Committee in a timely manner.

13.4.5 Voting privileges shall be extended, at all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors, to

a) Those (FWSA area) Council Presidents present.

b) The Far West Racing Association's President, who is designated FWSA V.P. of Racing, when present.

c) The Far West Ski Association's "non-Director" Trustees, when present.

d) Any other representative or representatives from other affiliated or associated organization/s as authorized by the current Board of Directors, which authorization expires at the following annual meeting/convention; with the total of those authorized representatives not to exceed 20% of the then current Board of Directors.

13.4.5.1 Persons casting a vote under Section 13.4.5 have a fiduciary responsibility to the Association/FWSA, and so shall act in the best interests of the Association as a whole and not those confined to one of its component elements or programs. The minutes of the Board meetings where any person, or persons, covered under Section 13.4.5 casts a vote must accurately record which of those persons, if any, did cast a vote on each motion/action item voted upon.

(clarification) ---> [On each motion voted upon, each "vote-extended-to" person is to either 1) vote "yes" or 2) vote "no" or 3) not vote at all - a "no" vote IS counted as a vote. Only #3, "not vote at all", relieves the "vote-extended-to" person of having to making a fiduciary commitment on that motion/action item being decided/voted on. The minutes should record/ reflect/indicate which "vote-extended to" people (their names and the names of the organizations they represent) voted - to be recorded is the fact that they voted/cast a vote, NOT how they voted.]

13.5 Quorum Required for Meetings of the Board of Directors

13.5.1 A quorum of the Board of Directors shall be necessary for the Board of Directors to take action.

13.5.2 A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of a majority of the total number of Directors.

13.6 Requirements for Action by the Board of Directors

13.6.1 Action by the Board of Directors, pursuant to Section 13.5.1, herein, shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors present, unless otherwise stated, herein.

(clarification added 4/17/96) ---> [Per "Robert's Rules of Order", "a majority vote means a majority (more than half) of the votes CAST, ignoring blanks (abstentions), at a legal meeting, a quorum being present." Therefore, if, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the BOD, any "additional" votes are cast (votes in addition to those cast by the Directors present, additional votes as are authorized by, and "otherwise stated, herein" in, Section 13.4.5 "Voting privileges shall be extended, at all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors, to"), it will then take an affirmative vote

of a majority of the total (all) votes CAST to adopt a motion/for “Action by the Board of Directors” at that meeting.]

13.6.2 No member of the Board of Directors may vote upon a matter being considered at any meeting of the Board of Directors unless that member is present at said meeting and present at the time the vote is taken.

13.6.3 The members of the Board of Directors shall have no powers to act individually in their capacities as members of the Board of Directors, but may act only as a Board.

13.7 Duties of the Board of Directors

13.7.1 The Board of Directors shall be responsible for administering the affairs of the Association, the operation and management of the Association and setting policies for the guidance of the Officers and Trustees of the Association.

13.8 Dual Positions on the Board of Directors

13.8.1 No individual may hold more than one position on the Board of Directors at the same time.

13.9 Resignation from the Board of Directors

13.9.1 Any Director/member of the Board of Directors of the Association, not covered under Sections 11.9 (Elected Officers) or 12.13 (Board of Trustees), herein, may at any time resign their position and said resignation shall become effective in accordance with its terms upon receipt of said resignation, in writing, by the President or Secretary of the Association.

13.9.2 In the position of “Immediate Past President”, that Director shall be deemed to have resigned his/her position on the Board of Directors upon missing three (3) meetings of the Board of Directors within the twelve (12) months following any annual convention.

13.10 Vacancy in the Position of “Immediate Past President”

13.10.1 Upon receipt of a resignation, in accordance with Section 13.9.1, or upon missing three (3) meetings of the Board of Directors, as set forth in Section 13.9.2, the position on the Board of Directors of “Immediate Past President” shall immediately be declared vacant by the President and removed from the positions on the Board of Directors until such time as the position can again be filled by the current President when he/she no longer holds the elected office of President.

14.0 COMMITTEES

14.1 Definitions for Committees

14.1.1 A “Committeeman” shall be any designated individual serving on a Committee of the Association, as set forth in Section 14.0, herein.

14.1.2 Special Committees shall be Committees formed for the purpose of performing specifically stated tasks or functions and shall exist until such tasks or functions are completed.

14.2 Categories of Committees

14.2.1 Standing Committees

14.2.2 Special Committees

14.3 Authority for Creation of Committees

14.3.1 The Board of Directors may establish such Standing and/or Special Committees of the Association as may be necessary for the guidance, operation or administration of the affairs of the Association.

14.4 Chairman and Members of Committees

14.4.1 The Committee Chairmen to chair such Committees as established pursuant to Section 14.3.1, herein, and the members of such Committees so formed shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Board of Directors. The President and the Board of Directors may delegate the appointment of the individual members of said Committees to the Chairman of the Committee or the Officer of the Association within whose area of function the Committee will operate.

14.5 Eligibility for being a Member of a Committees

14.5.1 All Chairmen and members of Committees shall be required to hold and maintain individual memberships in the Association as set forth in Section 8.0, herein, while serving on any Committees so established.

14.6 Line of Authority for Committees

14.6.1 The Chairman of each Committee shall report to and take direction from the Officer within whose area of responsibility such Committee operates. If there is no Officer of the Association whose area of responsibility covers the function of the Committee, the Committee Chairman shall report to the President.

15.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

15.1 No elected officer or Trustee shall serve in a capacity which has an adverse effect upon a similar Far West program as determined by the Board of Directors.

15.2 At any time that the Board of Directors considers, discusses, or votes upon a contract or other transaction between the Association and one or more of its Directors, or between the Association and any corporation, firm, association, or business in which one or more of its Directors are financially interested, or in any position of control, the fact of such interest, shall be fully disclosed by the Director involved and noted in the minutes.

15.3 The Board of Directors may authorize, approve, or ratify any such transaction in good faith and shall require a vote which would be sufficient for that purpose without counting the vote or votes of the interested Director or Directors.

15.4 Any transaction undertaken by the Board of Directors in violation of this provision shall be void.

16.0 AMENDMENTS TO THESE BY-LAWS

16.1 Amendments to these By-Laws may be considered and voted upon at any Annual or Special Meeting of the Association.

16.2 All proposed Amendments to these By-Laws shall be presented, in writing, to the Secretary or President/Chairman of the Board of Directors.

- 16.3 The proposed Amendments to these By-Laws shall be submitted, pursuant to Section 16.2, herein, at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date on which the meeting at which they are to be considered is scheduled to begin.
- 16.4 Proposed Amendments shall bear the signatures of any five (5) Club Members and/or Direct Members of the Association.
- 16.5 No later than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the proposed Amendments are to be considered, a written notice of proposal to amend which also states the date of the start of and the location of said meeting, along with a copy of the text of each proposed Amendment shall be mailed to each Ski Club at its last known address.
- 16.6 The information contained in Section 16.5, herein, shall be published, in its entirety, in such regular publication of the Association as shall be regularly sent to all Club Members and Direct Members, in the edition published closest to the date thirty (30) days prior to said meeting.
- 16.7 Approval of any proposed By-Laws Amendment shall require an affirmative vote by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the registered Delegates at the meeting at which the Amendment is being considered.
- 16.8 Amendments to proposed By-Laws amendments cannot be made at an Annual Meeting or Special Meeting of the Association.

17.0 DISSOLUTION OF THIS CORPORATION

- 17.1 This corporation may be dissolved only at an Annual Meeting of the Association and such dissolution shall require a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of all registered Delegates at said Annual Meeting.
- 17.2 Proposal of recommendation for dissolution shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Association or President/Chairman of the Board of Directors in the same manner as a proposed Amendment to these By-Laws.
- 17.3 Notice of such intended dissolution shall be given to the membership of the Association in the same manner as a proposed Amendment to these By-Laws.
- 17.4 It is expressly understood that this organization is a nonprofit corporation, organized under the non-profit Corporation Laws of the State of California, and upon dissolution, none of its assets shall inure to the benefit of any individual Member but shall be distributed to the Far West Ski Foundation, and in the event that said Far West Ski Foundation is not then in existence, to such other fund or foundation, as is designated by the Board of Directors, whose property is dedicated to the exempt purposes as are specified in the Revenue and Taxation Code of the State of California.

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Resolution

Far West Ski Association Resolution Submission Form

Maker of resolution – Name _____ Delegate No. _____

Seconded by – Name _____ Delegate No. _____

Type of resolution Laudatory Substantive*

***If this is a Substantive Resolution complete the following:**

1. Committee(s) to be referred to (if any), if this is a substantive resolution, and action(s) required: _____

2. Would there be a financial impact to FWSA if this resolution is passed? If yes, explain. _____

Provide date resolution is to take effect: _____

Resolution

WHEREAS, _____

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, _____

Do Not Write Below This Line

Resolution # _____ Passed Defeated Tabled Referred to Committee

Director Report

Communications by Elaine Cobos, VP

This year has been very exciting! FWSA has many programs with a great deal of interaction and participation, and I have been proud to be a part of FWSA. Many thanks to **Steve Coxen** for his continued dedication to the website. You can find all the news on the website – clubs, travel, convention, awards, etc!

For 17 years **Leigh Gieringer** has produced first-rate issues of the FWSA Skiers Guide, and the 2004-2005 issue for the 75th anniversary is the best ever! It doesn't get better. Use the Guide as an information or membership tool. Clubs and councils must have updates to Leigh by August 1, 2005, for the next issue. Thanks, Leigh, for your efforts and dedication.

Many thanks to **Mary and Norm Azevedo** for their efforts on this year's FWSA quarterly Councilman. Each issue surpassed the one before and all of FWSA has benefited from their quality publications. Please note that we are taking full advantage of newer technology, and the newsletter is now available almost immediately upon completion on the website, www.fwsa.org. Thanks, Mary and Norm, for bringing us into the 21st century.

This year's winners for club/council newsletter and website competition will be announced during the convention. In addition, the Tollakson Outstanding Club of the Year competition moved forward into the 21st century, just like FWSA. In honor of our 75th anniversary, a revered panel of judges reviewed all entries. ALL clubs in FWSA were eligible to enter this competition. Entries this year consisted of an essay describing how your club deserves to be named FWSA's Outstanding Club of the Year. Essays needed to address what your club does for the sport of skiing, social events, and philanthropic efforts. These winners will also be announced at the convention.

Rather than address club organization as in past years, the judges have focused on evaluating a club's activities for the year, as detailed in the essay. The categories or activities judged include the following, consistent with prior years' Tollakson Awards:

- Sports Development Activities (20 points maximum)
 - Sports/ski safety and instruction
 - Equipment update and information
 - Fitness, exercise, conditioning
- Sports Activities (30 points maximum)
 - Ski (Alpine/Nordic) Competitive Events (Club, League, Council, FWRA, Other)
 - Non-Ski Competitive Events – tennis, volleyball, softball, skating, other
 - Club, League, Council FWSA ski trips
- Non-Ski Activities (30 points maximum)
 - Club Social Activities (Parties, athletic events, dinner dances, banquets, etc.)
 - Club & Member Community Activities and Services
- Sports Awareness / Promotion Activities (20 points maximum)
 - Beginner/youth sports/ski programs
 - Handicapped/disabled skier programs
 - Ski area/community sports/ski programs
 - National Forest/Park guides, volunteers, etc.

All entries for the 2006 competition must be submitted before September 1, 2005. Entry forms will be available on the website and through Councils.

1. **CLUBS** – For the purposes of judging, affiliated clubs shall be divided into four groups. Class designation will be determined by the actual membership of the club as reported at the 2004 FWSA Convention, unless the club wishes to remain in a higher class.
 - i. Class AAAA – Membership of 325 or more
 - ii. Class AAA - Membership of 176-324
 - iii. Class AA - Membership of 76-175
 - iv. Class A - Membership of 75 or less

CLUBS by Class - Clubs Entered for 2004 Wentworth Publication Competition

A Clubs 1-75 mbrs	AA Clubs 76-175 mbrs	AAA Clubs 176-324 mbrs	AAAA Clubs 325 + mbrs
Capital	Motorola	Action	Apres
Unrecables	Auslich	Beach Cities	Bergfreunde
Skiyente	Grindelwald	Pacific Rim	North Island
	Don Diego	Phoenix	
	Mountain High	Torrey Pines	
	Snowchasers	Monterey	
	Tri Valley	Single	
	Las Vegas		
	Orange County Ski Club		

COUNCILS

Arizona – newsletter, website	Bay Area - newsletter, website
Los Angeles - newsletter, website	Northwest - newsletter, website
San Diego - website	Sierra - newsletter, website

CLUBS Entered

Motorola Ski Club	Website
Phoenix Ski Club	Website, Newsletter
Bergfreunde Ski Club	Website, Newsletter
Skiyente	Newsletter
Action Ski Club	Website, Newsletter
Don Diego Ski Club	Website, Newsletter
North Island Snow Drifters	Website, Newsletter
Pacific Rim Alliance	Website, Newsletter
Torrey Pines Ski Club	Website, Newsletter
Apres Ski Club	Website, Newsletter
Monterey Ski Club	Website, Newsletter
Snowchasers Ski Club	Website, Newsletter
Auslich Ski Club	Newsletter

CLUBS Entered (continued)

Beach Cities Ski Club	Website, Newsletter
Grindelwald Ski Club	Newsletter
Single Ski Club	Website, Newsletter
Tri Valley Ski Club	Website, Newsletter
Unrecables	Website, Newsletter
Capital Ski and Sport	Website, Newsletter
Las Vegas Ski Club	Website, Newsletter

Big Thanks to the Judges for 2004-2005!!

John Schilling, *Motorola*
Anna Pfender, Marie Grillo, *Phoenix*
Mary Olhausen, Jerry Foley, *Bergfreunde*
Diane Hicks, *Skiyente*
Pat Walker, Maureen Taylor, *Action*
Connie Smith, Carolyn Blumenthal, *Don Diego*
Don Violette, Cheryl Riess, *North Island*
Catherine Ohl, *Pacific Rim*
Laura Meldrum, Jerry Seifert, *Torrey Pines*
Ed Martin, Dessy Vamporova, *Apres*
Noreen Towers, Eileen Begley, *Monterey*
Mary Azevedo, Steve Rhodes, *Snowchasers*
Susie Yarian, *Auslich*
Ruben Ruiz, Trudi Lesser-Stangl, *Beach Cities*
Bruce Campbell, *Grindelwald*
Becky Schreiber, Judith Miller, *Single*
Rinda Wohlwend, Deborah Russell, *Tri Valley*
Georgina Hackett, Gordon Cardona, *Unrecables*
Kathy Stewart, Karey Reber, *Capital Ski & Sport*
Bob Schell, *Las Vegas Ski Club*
John James, *Orange County Ski Club*
Vicki Kechekian, *Orange County Ski Club*

COUNCIL JUDGES

John Schilling, Nancy Robinson, *Arizona*
Catherine Ohl, *LA*
Chris Miller, Linda Coxen, *NWSCC*
Judy Schultheis, *San Diego*
Lee Holzschuh, Norm Azevedo, *BAC*
Barbara Bryant, *Sierra*

Our program depends on volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, or have suggestions about our programs, please let us know. We would like to be sure that each of you are indeed a Voice of the Western Skier! Thank you for being part of this Convention and a member of your club and Far West Ski Association!

NOTE: Clubs and Councils must submit an entry for the 2006 competitions – deadline September 1, 2005. (The judging timeframe is May 2005 through April 2006.)

Director Report

Councils by Michael German, VP

Originally founded as California Ski Association in 1930 as an affiliate division of the National Ski Association of America (predecessor of USSA, United States Ski Association), FWSA has evolved into a strong and independent organization comprised of ten Ski Club Councils representing snow skiers and snowboarders in six western states. Member councils are: **Arizona Ski Council** (serving the State of Arizona and primarily the Phoenix metro area), **Bay Area Council of Ski Clubs** (San Francisco area), **Central Council of California** (the area between Los Angeles and San Francisco), **Inland Racing League Council** (Inland area of Southern California), **Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs** (Los Angeles and Ventura Counties), **Northwest Ski Club Council** (states of Oregon and Washington), **Orange Council of Ski Clubs** (Orange County), **San Diego Ski Club Council**, **Sierra Council Race League** (Nevada, plus Lake Tahoe, Sacramento, and Chico California) and the **New Mexico Ski Club Council**. 2004 brings expectations for expansion into other western states.

By now you should have received your FWSA membership card, Skier's Guide, discounts and benefits at various local and national businesses, attended Ski Week at Aspen, international ski weeks at Nagano-Hakuba, Japan, St. Moritz, France and the FWRA Championships in Heavenly Lake Tahoe. I urge you to continue to check the FWSA web site for travel updates and new travel opportunities. Deposits are currently being accepted for China in September, a Hawaiian Cruise in October and Machu Picchu & Galapagos Islands (Peru) in May '05.

FWSA has numerous opportunities for ski club volunteers to continue their involvement in programs that have impact throughout the FWSA community. If you are interested in serving the FWSA Board, local council or your ski club, contact any board member and your services will be utilized and appreciated. If you require assistance, contact any officer at www.fwsa.org.

Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Recognition Program

FWSA recognizes top volunteers from each council during the Council's Man and Women of the Year Recognition Program. Councils honor dedicated men and woman who have made significant contributions to organized skiing within their council this year. These honorees have volunteered their time to support club, council, community service, race league and FWSA efforts to enhance the skiing-plus experience for our members.

Please join me in congratulating the to-be-named overall winners of the FWSA Council's Man and Women of the Year Award as well as each of the honorees being recognized by their councils. Winners will be announced at the Saturday night banquet and awarded a prize package sponsored by Big White Ski Resort and Silver Star Mountain Resort.

	Council Man of the Year	Council Woman of the Year
Bay Area Council of Ski Clubs:	Scott Bowker	Kathy Silver
Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs:	John Perkins	Elaine Guidotti
Northwest Ski Club Council:	Steve Coxen	Debbi Kor
Orange Council of Ski Clubs:	Jack James	Sally Leslie
San Diego Ski Club Council:	Gene Fulkerson	Cheryl Riess
Sierra League & Council:		Barbara Bryant

A big "Thank You" goes to **Big White Ski Resort** and **Silver Star Mountain Resort**, for their sponsorship, and to our chairman **Donn Byrant**, for conducting this important program to honor the council volunteers who have made significant contributions.

Director Report

Database by Ken Calkins, Trustee

Your database is now up to date with all the information that has been submitted. Each time your club changes officers a new officer sheet should be sent to your Council President. After updating the information a copy is returned to you for verification. Individuals are requested to send their changes directly to database manager. A typed form will produce fewer spelling errors. A new form can be obtained at www.fwsa.org. Click on membership and then Club Officer Update. Download the form and fill it out.

Individuals please send to:

Ken Calkins
2211 Gates Avenue #B
Redondo Beach, CA 90278
or
Email: fwsaken@aol.com.

Club Updates please send to your Council President

There is an option to not have your address published; however, you will not receive any of the FWSA publications. Any request for a member listing of the Far West Data Base must be sent to the President. If approved, a list is then produced. Normally, we only give lists to our Convention Sponsors & Partners and FWSA Vice Presidents for distribution of their information.

Director Report

North American Travel by Lynnell Calkins, VP

Alaska Cruise
September 19 – 26, 2004

Departing from Vancouver, British Columbia, 55 FWSA members cruised Alaska's Inside Passage on board the *Serenade of the Seas*. Our Royal Caribbean ship provided us with so many activities, we didn't have time to sleep! We enjoyed shore excursions in Skagway, Juneau and Ketchikan. Every evening we dined together and shared the adventures we had during the day. Thanks to Juli Bloxham from The Cruise Company who sailed with us and took care of all the details for this adventure.

Aspen/Snowmass
January 27 – February 5, 2005

With 715 participants attending, our 2005 ski week in Aspen/Snowmass was a huge success. All ten councils were represented as we began the celebration of the 75th anniversary of Far West Ski Association. Mary Manning of Aspen Skiing Company worked overtime in preparation for our arrival. She was assisted by Karla Baker, Keisha Techau and numerous others in Aspen and Snowmass.

Special thanks to our ten council trip leaders: Ron LaMoreaux, Arizona Council; Steve Grevstad, Bay Area Council; Mary Alexander, Central Council; Dennis Nickelson, Inland Council; Judith Miller, Los Angeles Council; Bob Stearley, New Mexico Council; Debbi Kor, Northwest Council; Jim Hughes, Orange Council; Susie Vetter, San Diego Council; and Amur Rutz, Sierra Council.

Our ski week travel staff spent many hours preparing for ski week. Thanks to Gloria Raminha, Marilyn Sigler, Ken Calkins, Joe Loader and Jim Sommer who had little sleep and even less time skiing during the week. It was all worth it as so many enjoyed the farewell banquet and the celebration of our 75th anniversary.

The Skier of the Week awards were presented to:

1 st	Kimberly Abbott	Don Lameyer
2 nd	Jennifer Jeffrey	Bruce Knox
3 rd	Sherrie Marco	David Dai

Race awards were given to the following councils and clubs:

1 st	Bay Area Council	Modesto Ski Club
2 nd	Arizona Council	Castro Valley Ski Club
3 rd	Sierra Council	North Island Snowdrifters Ski Club

Los Angeles Council won the Council Challenge Race.

The Joe Ross Awards were distributed to the winners. The winners had to compete in all three races and obtain the most points within their age groups.

The Sportours staff of Judy Fjeld, Kurt Schroeder, and Lisa Vinderskov provided invaluable assistance during the week. Their expertise with transportation and lodging made it possible for so many of us to attend this ski week.

Hawaii Cruise
October 9 – 16, 2005

Karen and Harry Davis will be the trip leaders for our Hawaii Cruise on the *Pride of Aloha* the week of October 9 – 16, 2005. This seven day cruise visits the islands of Oahu, Kauai, Hawaii, and Maui. Prices are \$1025 per person, double occupancy, for an inside cabin, \$1225 for an ocean view cabin and \$1669 for a balcony cabin. The price includes accommodations, meals, on-board entertainment and port taxes. Our cruise ship, the *Pride of Aloha* has six restaurants, thirteen bars and lounges, two swimming pools, five hot tubs, spa, fitness center, library, and a video arcade.

To sign-up for this trip, please call 800-301-9673, or use your credit card to sign-up on line at www.fwsatravel.com. Linda Botano at Montrose Travel can also arrange a two-night pre-cruise package at the Waikiki Marriott for \$169 per person, double occupancy, airline tickets to Honolulu and ground transfers to the cruise ship. Final payment for this trip is due by July 5, 2005.

Thanks to Andi McClure-Mysza, any club or council with 16 participants on this trip will receive a comp from Montrose Travel. The comp does not include port taxes or transportation to Hawaii.

Telluride
February 4 – 11, 2006

Our 2006 ski week will be in Telluride, Colorado, the week of February 4 – 11, 2006. Lodging is available in both the historic town of Telluride and in the Mountain Village. Transportation between the two areas is provided by the gondola from 7 AM to midnight. Transportation in town is provided by The Galloping Goose, the free Telluride bus.

Telluride has groomed trails, bowls, glades and chutes for all skiing ability levels. The mountain has 24% beginner terrain, 38% intermediate terrain and 38% expert terrain. Prospect Bowl links the two sides of the mountain with terrain for all ability levels.

Our council trip leaders are taking deposits for this ski week, so contact your trip leader:

Arizona Council	Dan Romanenko	d.romanenko@mindspring.com
Bay Area Council	Steve Grevstad	skiersteve@aol.com
Central Council	Mary Alexander	maryalexander@sbcglobal.net
Los Angeles Council	Bonnie West	4bjwest@verizon.net
New Mexico Council	Bob Stearley	dmstear@att.net
Northwest Council	Debbi Kor	ljustwannarun@aol.com
Orange Council	Jim Hughes	james.b.hughes-iii@boeing.com
San Diego Council	Susie Vetter	sevetter1@yahoo.com
Sierra Council	Amur Rutz	amur@jps.net

2007 Ski Week

Where are we going for our 2007 ski week? Bids from several ski resorts are being presented Saturday morning at our convention. The results will be tabulated and announced on the FWSA website in late July. Be sure to check www.fwsa.org to discover the date and location for our 2007 ski week.

Director Report

Industry Marketing by Jane Wyckoff, Industry Marketing Rep & Barbara Razo, Silent Auction Coordinator

Responsibilities for the Industry Marketing Representative include: producing the Silent Auction, sponsorship development; and generating advertising sales for the *Far West Skier's Guide*. The FWSA Vice President of Marketing is responsible for the membership benefits program, and product sponsorship development. This year Barbara Razo is again Chairman of the Annual Silent Auction, and Jane Wyckoff concentrated on Convention sponsorship development.

The ski industry invested \$200,000 this year in Association industry programs (*does not include travel program sponsorships*): Silent Auction Donations Value (\$110,000), Convention Sponsorships (\$18,000 cash and \$9,000 trade-out value in certificates and major product donations); advertising for the 2004-05 *Far West Skier's Guide* (\$55,000), and \$5,000 in product donations in addition to member benefit discounts.

Silent Auction

This year we celebrate not only the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the Far West Ski Association, but also the 20th Anniversary of the FWSA Silent Auction.. The FWSA truly values the working relationship the Association has developed with the ski and sports industries. During the past 19 years the Association has received over \$1,500,000 in Silent Auction donations to generate revenue to support its programs. Countless hours have been spent by dedicated ski club, council and FWSA volunteers, who assist with conducting a successful Silent Auction every year.

The Silent Auction began back in 1986 at the Irvine Hilton and Towers, when the Balboa Ski Club of Orange Council of Ski Clubs, host for the 54th Annual Convention, organized the event as a fundraiser to be held in conjunction with the Convention. Balboa sent out letters inviting the ski and sports industries to participate in the Silent Auction, expecting to receive about \$10,000 in donations. Instead, a total of \$31,711 in donations was received. The Auction items were mainly ski trips, but included some ski equipment, a whitewater trip, and a hot air balloon ride.

In 1990 the *Travel Carousel* was added to the industry Convention programs at the 58th Annual Convention, hosted by the Orange Council of Ski Clubs, when the Association returned to the Irvine Hilton. Industry booths were set up on Friday and remained standing for Saturday morning. Convention delegates were given *Lift Tickets* to take around the booths and be marked by the industry representatives. The Lift Tickets were placed in a door prize drawing, which included many prizes, including the grand prize of a ski trip to New Zealand. This format remained the same until the 2003 Convention held at the Rancho Las Palmas Marriott in Rancho Mirage, California, hosted by the San Diego Ski Club Council. The Travel Carousel became the *Travel Expo*, and *Passports* replaced the Lift Tickets. Convention delegates now schedule appointments with industry representatives, and travel from table to table in a timed sequence.

The Far West Ski Association Silent Auction was unique from the beginning, because the ski and sports industries received a booth space and registration packages for their representatives to attend our Convention, in exchange for a donated Silent Auction item. Participants have the opportunity to present their programs at the Friday night Silent Auction to not only delegates but the public as well, and Saturday morning in one-on-one presentations to key ski club, council, FWRA, and FWSA officers. Industry representatives are also invited to participate in the

golf tournament, and other optional events offered at the Convention. Each year we look forward to seeing our industry friends at our Annual Convention, some of whom have attended for many years, and others who are new to our program. We look forward to their continued participation, and as we celebrate the Far West Ski Association's 75th Anniversary, we expect to conduct a record-breaking Silent Auction at its 20th Anniversary.

The Silent Auction is the Association's major fund raising effort and not only provides financial support for our programs but also subsidizes delegate fees to the Convention. Appreciation is extended to this year's Host Council Chairman Catherine Ohl, support members Jacquie Nemor, Ray Craig, Nancy Goettling, Karen James, Fay Mumbauer, Andy Vogel, Gene Fulkerson, Bonnie West, Judith Miller, Jim Degner, Iris Williams, Britt and Dolly Johnson, Ed Knott, Kay Cofield, Celeste Colman, John James, and the rest of the highly competent and active Los Angeles Council Committee members. Catherine Ohl was instrumental in the design, maintenance and user-friendly web pages providing information about the convention and its events. A special thank-you goes to: Grady Smith, Auctioneer; Nancy Kelly, Nancy Furtado and Bill Funkhouser, Accounting. This year we engaged a team of volunteers comprised of young adult family members, local National Ski Patrollers and Lovers of the Sport to assist with the Silent Auction Bid Board collection process. As the years of experience running this program grows so does our expertise of operations. Our gratitude is extended to all the workers from the Los Angeles Council and the FWSA Board Members and friends from other councils that assist with last minute preparations prior to the Silent Auction.

Sponsorships – Convention 2005: Convention sponsorships set a new record this year. As of press time, our industry partners have contributed \$18,000 in cash and \$9,000 in certificates and terrific give-a-way items for the delegates. In addition, Gene Fulkerson obtained liquor sponsors for our Convention, which enabled us to provide complimentary drinks throughout the weekend.

The purpose of the Convention sponsorship program is to reduce the amount of money needed to be taken from Silent Auction proceeds to offset Convention costs. A registration fee of \$135 basically covers food and not too much else. Due to increased expenses for our special anniversary event, these sponsorships were extremely important to the financial success of our event. One of the benefits for the sponsors is the link from *fwsa.org* to their own website. A special thank you is extended to Steve Coxen (aka "Genius Junior") for his untiring efforts producing the FWSA website, and Catherine Ohl for her awesome 75th Anniversary Convention website!

Far West Skier's Guide: As the Silent Auction/Travel Expo and sponsorship program has expanded, so too, has the Skier's Guide. Extensive industry special sections and editorial coverage makes the publication ever more popular in industry marketing efforts. Leigh Gieringer is to be commended for outstanding efforts in professional journalism and her dedication to the production of this publication.

On to our 76th Anniversary Convention in 2006!!

We are both looking forward to working with the Arleigh Meiners, Elaine Cobos, and the Arizona Ski Council on next year's 76th Annual Convention, to be held at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa in Phoenix, June 8-11. This luxurious resort and spa is located in the Gila River Indian Community and the amenities offered are superb.

A final reminder - the ski industry programs will continue to grow as long as the ski clubs and councils support them. Show your support for the companies that participate in the Convention, provide sponsorships, and advertise in the *Far West Skier's Guide* by including them in your travel and ski/sports equipment purchase plans. Otherwise, the industry's marketing dollars will be spent elsewhere, where proven results can be achieved.

Director Report

International Travel by Tucker Hoffmann, VP

THE PAST YEAR.....

FWSA International Travel offered three unusual and different trips this past year. Far West members were able to travel to Scandinavia, Japan and Switzerland. The Adventure Trips have proved to be a very popular addition.

SCANDINAVIA EXPLORER.....August 26th to September 10th we took 46 people to Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Estonia. We visited the Fjords, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Oslo, Bergen, Helsinki and Tallinn. In Copenhagen we saw the Christianborg Palace and Tivoli Gardens. An overnight cruise through the North Sea to Oslo and the Vigeland Sculpture Park. Over the next four days we ventured into the heart of Norway's Fjord Country with some of the worlds most breathtaking scenery. To Balestrand and the Jostedal Glacier, the largest in Europe. Then on to Bergen with a visit to the Hanseatic Museum. In Stockholm it was the Town Hall and the Vasa Museum that was of interest. In Helsinki we took one day and crossed the Baltic Sea to Tallinn, the capital of Estonia. An adventure trip that proved to be very popular.

SEE & SKI JAPAN.....February 17th to March 2nd 84 people from 9 councils traveled to Kyoto, Hakuba, Tokyo and Hong Kong. The Hakuba Valley is a huge expanse of resorts offering an incredible variety of terrain for skiers and snowboarders. Our hotel was a short walk to the Olympic ski resort of Happo-One and Hakuba 47. Along with the skiing there were day trips to Nagano City Zenkoji Temple and Nakamura Farm House. The Jigokudani Wild Monkey Hotsprings and Masuichi-Ichimura Sake Brewery. The Matsumoto Castle and Daio Wasabi Farm. From Hakuba we took the Bullet Train to Tokyo for a couple of days before flying on to Hong Kong and a three day stay before flying home. The people and the customs of Japan was a wonderful and very different experience from our usual European Ski Trip.

ST. MORITZ WITH GOZO & MALTA.....March 11th to March 26th 112 people from 8 councils to St. Moritz for an incredible week of skiing. All week long we had great snow and beautiful sunny blue skies, the best conditions we have had for a European ski week. On Wednesday we bussed to Davos for a day of skiing with more great snow and sunshine. From Zurich we Flew to the Maltese Islands situated in the Mediterranean Sea about 60 miles from Sicily and 180 miles from North Africa. Another great week of sunshine and adventure with 3 days on the island of Gozo and another 3 days on Malta.

THE COMING YEAR.....

2005 ADVENTURE TRIP: CHINA — SOLD OUT

15 day – Sept. 10th – 24th, 2005 - 30 participants

21 day - Sept. 24th – Oct. 14th, 2005 - 46 participants

2006 EUROPEAN TRIP: ZERMATT MARCH 11-18TH

Pre Trip - Davos

Post Trip – Nile Cruise

2006 ADVENTURE TRIP: GALAPAGOS ISLANDS MACHO PICCHU TRIP

May 22-June 6th, 2006 - **SOLD OUT** - 66 participants

Director Report

Marketing by Debbi Kor, VP

In late October, I attended the Seattle Ski Show and in early November, the Ski Fever Show in Portland to discover what new products were out this year and see what's happening around the ski areas. *Tamarack Ski Resort*, a new area near McCall, Idaho, is getting the word out to come visit. (In case you missed it, there was a great write-up about them in the January issue of *Sunset Magazine*).

One of the nifty new products that I found in Seattle, was the *Glove Buddy*, a glove warmer that can be used by plugging into your car's cigarette lighter or auxiliary power plug. The *Glove Buddy* is produced near Mt. Hood, and the owner of the company generously donated a case of 20 *Buddies* as door prizes for Ski Week.

In January, I made my annual trek to Las Vegas to the SIA show. This is a wonderful tradeshow for those in the ski and snow sport industry to be able to display their wares for the next season. It is a retailer's winter paradise, in that clothing and accessories can be purchased and/or ordered for next season at terrific prices. It's great for me, because I am able to view, firsthand, some of that great merchandise, and get some samples for our members.

Among other things, I found some great deals on hats, from *Screamer*, and ski bags from High Sierra Sports, which I will be working with the reps on getting for Far West members at very good prices. I plan to have these items available at Convention.

Hugh Schure, of Schure Sports, Inc. generously donated a Karbon ski outfit, which was raffled off at Ski Week, with all proceeds going towards the Far West Athletic Scholarship. I am very happy to announce that we raised \$770 in the raffle, and have acknowledged Schure Sports, Inc. as our newest sponsor in that area.

And, speaking of Ski Week. What a great time we all had in Aspen. Mary Manning and crew worked tirelessly, along with our very own Travel Staff to put on one of the finest, and definitely largest ski weeks in Far West History, with 715 attendees.

We had many local businesses in Aspen/Snowmass donate some incredible door prizes, such as gift certificates to dinner, ski tunes, clothing, and much more. Thank you to: *Pomeroy Sports, Four Mountain Sports, The Hotel Jerome, Elevation Restaurant and Bar, Montage, Boogies, Diner, Zane's Tavern, Skier's Chalet and Steak House, Goodfellow's Pizza and Rustique Boutique*.

Over the next several months, I will be continuing my efforts to seek out sponsorship for some of our programs. I am happy to be working with *Big Mountain* and *Grouse Mountain Lodge* as the first of our sponsors of the Far West Athletic Scholarship, with *Big White* and *Silver Star* as our Council's Man and Woman of the Year sponsor, with *Steamboat Springs*, as our Ski Heritage Award sponsor, and *Aspen/Snowmass*, as the sponsor of our Safety Person of the Year Award. Now we can add Schure Sports, Inc., as the latest sponsor of our Athletic Scholarship. Many thanks to all of you.

I will be following up with the many industry representatives that I met with at the SIA show, checking on new items coming out that I can share with you at convention, and in general, working at keeping the good word out there about our wonderful organization.

Enjoy Long Beach.

Director Report

Membership by Sylvia Kearns, VP

DIRECT MEMBERS

Direct membership increased in 2004-2005. Based on telephone calls and e-mails received, this is attributable directly to the travel program. Renewal applications will be going out to direct members. There is an effort to streamline the administrative costs of the Direct Membership program so that dues for the program will remain the same. This will be discussed in more detail at the FWSA meeting in July. The family program continues to be an effort that the board is looking at. Stay tuned for more information.

I think congratulations to Kathy Hoffman and Lynnell Calkins are in order for putting together travel programs that attract new faces to FWSA. This is probably the most critical "product" FWSA has to offer in terms of member benefits and these ladies and their staffs do an outstanding job, as evidenced by the growing direct membership.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Applications for direct membership for the 2005-2006 year will be mailed out to direct members, lifetime members and honorary members. This application is also available on-line at "<http://www.fwsa.org>".

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Membership cards will be sent to council presidents. Please advise the quantities you will be needing. My thanks to Steve Coxen who has always been a great help in the production of the cards.

MISCELLANEOUS

It has been my pleasure to represent the members of Far West Ski Association as your V.P. Membership. Thanks to everyone for your support this past year.

Director Report

Public Affairs by Scott Bowker, VP

The Far West Ski Association Public Affairs Program has been very active for the year 2004/2005. As you may know, the Public Affairs portfolio of programs is designed to present to the outside world the interests, activities and positions of the Association. As the “voice of the Western skier” we have been involved in a whole host of activities in all areas of interest.

Our 2004/2005 year kicked off with our seventh successive wonderful Convention panel sessions. The Public Affairs sponsored panels at the recent FWSA Convention in Reno/Sparks, NV were again very successful. The guest panelist was Ed Ryberg, Winter Sports Program Administrator for the U.S. Forest Service (Rocky Mountain Region). We also had Dave McCoy, founder and president of Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort, make significant contributions to the discussions as an audience member. The wide ranging discussions covered U.S. Forest Service (USFS) background and key values, economic impact of the ski industry, safety, process improvement, on-mountain advertising (MapLinks), preferential access program (BeeLine Advantage Pass), logging, airline luggage issues, history (Mount Bartholomew campaign), high speed lifts and ticket prices.

During the weekend and at the dinner we also had our featured guest speaker Dave McCoy (founder and president of Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort) plus special guests including former Olympians Billy Kidd ('64 SL silver) and Debbie Armstrong ('84 GS gold) as well as Ed Ryberg (Winter Sports Program Administrator, U.S. Forest Service – Rocky Mountain Region). Dave McCoy is also actively involved as the founder of the Mammoth Lakes Foundation www.mammothlakesfoundation.org which supports higher education and cultural enrichment in the Eastern Sierra including the wonderful Mammoth Ski Museum.

Our line up for Long Beach is amazing. Guest Speaker will be **Dr. Michael Adams**, son of Ansel Adams – notable photographer and environmentalist. The convention you are attending will also include some other new faces and many that are familiar to you. Other notables planning attending are familiar faces **Billy Kidd**, (1964 Olympic Slalom Silver Medalist, Steamboat Springs), **Deb Armstrong**, (1984 Olympic Gold Giant Slalom Gold Medalist, Taos), and **Jimmie Heuga** (1964 Olympic Slalom Bronze Medalist). Additional special guests scheduled to be present include **Caroline Beteta** (Executive Director, California Travel & Tourism Commission), **Chris Davenport** (1996 World Extreme Skiing Champion), **Joe Jay Jalbert** (Filmmaker), **Dick Kun** (President, Snow Summit Ski Corp), **Laura Menozzi** (Director of Finance, National Ski Areas Association), **Stephanie Neff** (Deputy Director, California Ski Industry Association), **Glen Plake** (Heavenly Lake Tahoe Ski.E.O.), **Doug Pringle** (Executive Director, Disabled Sports USA - Far West), **Ed Ryberg** (Winter Sports Program Manager, Rocky Mountain Division US Forest Service), and **Bob Salerno** (2 time world champion freestyle skier).

Areas of interest were addressed throughout the year utilizing mailers containing electronic files, web articles, Councilman articles and specific topic mailings covering a wide variety of topics. Highlights include:

Area Development

Area development covers ski area expansion and enhancement, proposed new areas, and the preservation of potential areas for future snowsports. It also includes the increasingly contentious debates between the developers, the ski areas and the environmentalists.

- Arizona Snowbowl. Alternative 2 approved on 3/8/05 in the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) & Record of Decision for Arizona Snowbowl's improvement and snowmaking proposal. Alternative 2 allows for artificial snowmaking using reclaimed wastewater, lift capacity improvements, 74 acres of new ski runs, snowplay/tubing area and improvements to the guest services facilities. Coconino National Forest Supervisor Nora Rasure 928-527-3600.
- Summit at Snoqualmie Pass, WA. Master development plan draft environmental impact statement expected August 2005. Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Team Leader Supervisor Larry Donovan 425-744-3403.
- Timberline Express Chairlift Proposal draft environmental impact statement released 3/22/05, comments due 5/9/05 to comments-pacificnorthwest-mthood@fs.fed.us. Mt Hood National Forest Zig Zag District Special Uses Coordinator Paul Koehler 503-622-3191 x614. DEIS at www.fs.fed.us/r6/mthood/projects/.
- White Pass Ski Area Expansion draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) released 12/15/04, comments due 2/22/05 and final EIS summer 2005. Wenatchee National Forest Naches District Recreation Planner Susan Ranger 509-653-1446

FWSA also endorses the NSAA "Environmental Charter" and the "Sustainable Slopes" initiative.

- Keep Winter Cool www.keepwintercool.org, a joint effort of NRDC (Natural Resources Defence Council) and NSAA (National Ski Areas Association) kicks off its 3rd season on 2/26/05 as part of NSAA Sustainable Slopes initiative. One example of this initiative is that 11 ski areas in Pacific Northwest in collaboration with Bonneville Environmental Foundation are purchasing green energy for their operations and making mini Green Tags www.greentagsusa.org available for purchase by resort customers.
- Sustainable Slopes Annual Report by National Ski Areas Association showed continued environmental progress. 62 reporting resorts reduced CO2 emissions by 322,020,059 pounds through energy, waste and transportation reduction measures.

We have aggressively strengthened our relationship with U.S. Forest Service. Utilizing our contacts in the U.S. Forest Service we stay abreast of a number of issues. We will continue to work to provide forums in which FWSA is able to educate U.S. Forest Service winter sports program administrators and NSAA on the operations of the FWSA Public Affairs Program and the concerns of our organized recreational snowsports participants and racers. We routinely address our issues to both U.S. Forest Service and NSAA in order to better educate them on FWSA's PA program and to further cement our place as a partner on important issues we all face. You can help increase our influence with U.S. Forest Service by calling or stopping in at the local U.S. Forest Service office when you visit ski areas and let them know you are there. You are the VOICE!

Ski History

Far West Ski Association is supporting the campaign by Phil Bartholomew, the son of Orland Bartholomew, to name Mount Bartholomew – an unnamed 11,099-foot mountain near North Fork, CA in the Minarets, a section of soaring spires in the Ansel Adams Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest. Mount Bartholomew should be named to honor Orland "Bart" Bartholomew, a Sierra High Adventurer, who made an incredible three month, 300 mile solo mid winter trek skiing the Sierra crest from south of Mt. Whitney to Yosemite National Park - just for the challenge and the photographs. Orland made the first winter ascent of Mt. Whitney, the highest peak in the lower 48 states at 14,495' and the first winter ascents of Mt. Langley and Mt. Tyndall, both over 14,000' during this three month journey from Christmas Day 1928 to April 3, 1929.

A number of further details make this an amazing feat for a true mountain man. Orland skied on custom made 6' long wooden skis without metal edges with only a crude wax system for climbing and used ski poles made from hickory garden rake handles. He didn't have a sleeping bag or much of a tent. Bartholomew cut tree boughs and used them as a base to pitch a small shelter on the snow. He built fires for cooking. Orland wrapped himself in a down robe to sleep. He carried a 70 lb pack, a folding bellows camera and a double bit ax. Orland wrote extensive journal entries and shot 320 photos. The trek is the equivalent of traveling from Pasadena to Salinas at an elevation of 9,000 feet through fierce blizzards and avalanche-prone canyons. Gene Rose, author of "High Odyssey", wrote that Bartholomew's three-month trek "stands as the ski exploration of the first half-century,

unmatched as a feat of winter survival until very recently when solo ski expeditions reached both Arctic and Antarctic poles." Orland worked for Southern California Edison as a hydrographer who measured the snowpack and stream levels to gauge how much hydroelectric power SCE could wring from the Sierra in the early 1920s. Orland later worked as a ranger (fire guard in those days) in the Ansel Adams Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest for 20 years from the early 1930s to the early 1950s. This campaign is also supported by Congressman George Radanovich of California's 19th Congressional District who has already written a letter of support which has been entered into the Congressional Record. Look for more information on the Mount Bartholomew page www.fwsa.wbees.com/page/page/1180431.htm in the Public Affairs section of the FWSA website for details on how to send your letter of support for Mount Bartholomew to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names of the U.S. Geological Survey.

At our Convention in Reno, the fifth Western Ski Heritage Prize was given to Martin Forstenzer, Author and Historian who wrote "Mammoth: The Sierra Legend" which documented the history and development of skiing in the Eastern Sierra, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area and the town of Mammoth Lakes. The sixth WSH Prize will be awarded during our convention in Long Beach. Steamboat has agreed to extend its partnership with FWSA through the award year of '06, thus assuring the long term health of the program and we hope to continue that relationship for future years. Steamboat Springs Ski Resort has provided a 5-day vacation for two to Steamboat including lodging, lifts and a lot more.

Catherine Ohl, Los Angeles/San Diego Councils, continued significant work in documenting a large portion of LA Council's documents. She has also constructed a very informative web page containing significant references and connections to a myriad of interesting research sites, <http://pacificrimalliance.org/history.html>. The importance of history to the Association has been frequently highlighted by our membership. This committee focuses on the historical aspects and will continue to provide a valuable input to the Public Affairs program. Membership of the committee is open to all interested parties. FWSA History Committee Chairman is **John Watson** and Administrative Officer is **Catherine Ohl**. We also continued membership in the International Ski History Association (ISHA).

Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation continues sponsorship of FWSA Western Ski Heritage Prize through '06.



- U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame 2004 inductees include Picabo Street '94 Olympic gold Super G, Donna Weinbrecht '92 Olympic gold moguls, Thor B. Grosbold former ski jumping official, and Alan Engen ski historian.
- 2nd Annual Vermont Antique Ski Race at Ascutney Mountain, VT 3/20/05 to benefit Vermont Ski Museum. Two divisions – Woodies or Fiberglass and Metal with awards for "Oldest Ski Technique", "Most Authentic Dress", "Youngest Racer", "Slo-Mo Skier" and "Most Spectacular Fall".
- Bretton Woods Mountain Resort, NH celebrates legends of skiing 3/4-6/05 by exploring local ski history with New England Ski Museum exhibit "Highlights of New England Skiing", Classic Ski Film Festival, and "The First 5,000 Years of Skiing" presentation.
- Snowboarding Museum and Hall of Fame opened in April in Stowe, VT. The museum shows the evolution of the sport and its equipment and celebrates its history and champions. According to executive director Neil Korn, the roots of snowboarding can be traced back to experimental forms of sledding in the 1930s. The earliest marketed form of a snowboard was the Snurfer, a wooden toy with rope handle sold in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Consumer Advocacy/Trends

HIPAA Update - National bills introduced

Health Care Parity for Legal Transportation and Recreational Activities Act H.R.1749 <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d108:HR01749:@@L&summ2=m&> was introduced in the House on 4/10/03. This is the companion bill to S.423 <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d108:SN00423:@@L&summ2=m&> that was introduced in the Senate on 2/14/03 to correct some the problems caused by the initial HIPAA regulations which

allow group health insurers to deny coverage based on participation in specific allegedly “dangerous” activities such as skiing, snowboarding, motorcycling, horseback riding and snowmobiling (aka “source of injury” exclusion loophole). As of 4/22/03 H.R.1749 was referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

As of 11/21/04 an important step occurred when the Senate passed S.423 “HIPAA Recreational Injury Technical Correction Act” with a key amendment. This changed the language to cast its protections more broadly to a “legal mode of transportation or a legal recreational activity” which essentially includes all legal recreational activities. S.423 summarized reads as follows: “A group health plan, or a health insurance issuer offering group health insurance coverage in connection with a group health plan, may not deny benefits otherwise provided under the plan or coverage for the treatment of an injury solely because such injury resulted from the participation of the individual in a legal mode of transportation or a legal recreational activity”. Unfortunately, time ran out last year before the House could act on it. Therefore, S.423 was reintroduced on 3/9/05 as S.577 <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d109:SN00577:@@@D&summ2=m&> by Senators Susan Collins R-Maine and Russ Feingold D-WI. S.577 then was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

NSAA needs our help in contacting our respective Congressional delegations to support the passage of the new bills, introduced as bills S.577 and H.R.1749. I will extract the NSAA sample letter that we can use in contacting congressional delegations. If need be you can visit www.congress.gov for contact information for your state’s representatives.

Congressional Ski and Snowboard Caucus

The Congressional Ski and Snowboard Caucus is an informal, bipartisan group of Members of Congress formed in 2003 to increase and promote skiing/snowboarding and address issues affecting the greater ski/snowboard community. These issues include: awareness and promotion the benefits of physical activity to overall health and wellness, public lands management, transportation, wildlife, education and housing in ski-resort communities. This, of course, lines up well with FWSA’s Public Affairs interests. Representatives Mark Udall (D-CO) and John Sweeney (R-NY), who will help promote its efforts, sponsor the Caucus. FWSA strongly supports the goals of Congressional Ski and Snowboard Caucus and looks forward to Members of Congress support of them over the coming years.

FWSA advised the Congressional Ski and Snowboard Caucus of our concerns especially the airline baggage issue and the lack of consistent policy among the airlines regarding the definition of what snowsports equipment (skis, poles, boots, bindings, snowboard, snowboard boots, helmet, ski bag, ski boot bag) counts as one item and/or is allowed. Representatives Udall and Sweeney offices met in the spring of 2005 and deemed the airline baggage project worthy of pursuing by the Congressional Ski and Snowboard Caucus as one of its projects.

Some of the members of the Congressional Ski and Snowboard Caucus include: Mark Udall (D-CO - 2nd), John Sweeney (R-NY – 20th), John Doolittle (R-CA – 4th), Doug Ose (R-CA – 3rd), Loretta Sanchez (D-CA – 47th), Jim McGovern (D-MA – 3rd), Dennis Rehberg (R-MT – At Large), Jeb Bradley (R-NH – 1st), Jim Gibbons (R-NV – 2nd), John McHugh (R-NY – 23rd), Earl Blumenauer (D-OR – 3rd), Chris Cannon (R-UT - 3rd), Jim Matheson (D-UT 2nd), Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Jim McDermott (D-WA –7th), Barbara Cubin (R-WY – at Large).

- Diversity Summit at Steamboat, CO 2/2-3/05 sponsored by PepsiCo & Ski Area Management Magazine. Challenges to attracting ethnic customers include inadequate access and transportation to mountains, lack of industry diversity, acculturation – teach mountain culture while respecting guests’ culture, and limited resources. One solution is to partner with existing ethnic organizations. 70% of the youth under 18 is multicultural.
- Vail Resorts committed \$600,000 to Alpino 10,000 Project which plans to introduce 10,000 Denver area youth to snowsports in Colorado over the next two years. Students will earn trips to the mountains based on performance in school and community service.

- Next Snow Search www.nextsnow.com promoted youth skiing/riding as 27 skiers and snowboarders ages 9-13 including 2 adaptive athletes from 22 different resorts were named in April to the Next Snow Team at the culmination of the three days of competition at the Next Snow Search Finals at Keystone. The finals were televised on NBC on 4/11 and covered in a Sports Illustrated for Kids June issue story "Snow Star Search".
- Colorado Governor Bill Owens signed House Bill 1393 to update the Colorado Ski Safety Act. Bill 1393 shields ski resorts from lawsuit for injuries on severe slopes and cliffs and at freestyle terrain parks. Ski resorts will be required to post a sign warning of extreme terrain.
- New Hampshire Supreme Court ruled in July that ski area is not protected from a lawsuit by an injured snow tuber. Assumption of risk law for ski area immunity statute as written as "sport of skiing" applied only to skiing, not snow tubing.
- 4 Pennsylvania men billed more than \$4,100 each by Vermont State Police in March 2005 for cost of out of bounds ski rescue at Killington.
- 16 year old Maryland snowboarder charged with manslaughter following a fatal collision in February 2005 at Jackson Hole Mountain resort on Laramie Bowl trail with 29 year-old Massachusetts skier Heather Donahue.
- Twin tip skis dollar sales increased 33% to \$5.6 million and snowboard dollar sales decreased 12% to \$63.0 million for August to December, 2004 period while overall sales for the entire winter sport market were down 1.3% to \$1.33 billion for the same period according to SIA (Snowsports Industry of America).
- Ski club survey by Partners in Groups Sales showed the most important factor for picking a specific trip destination was that they knew other people going on the trip and the next factor was who was leading the trip. Welcome receptions followed by group dinners were the most popular group activities.

Transportation

You would be well advised to click on the relevant baggage rules link for the airline that you will be traveling on and print out the actual policy to take with you on your trip since the airline baggage rules vary on what snowsports equipment (skis, poles, boots, bindings, snowboard, snowboard boots, helmet, ski bag, ski boot bag) counts as one item and/or is allowed. Snowboard boots are not specifically addressed by most baggage rules.

Be aware that you may be charged for an extra bag if you decide to risk packing other items in your boot or ski bag since airline baggage rules do not specifically address in most cases the allowability of anything else beyond skis, boots or poles. You will be totally dependent upon the goodwill of the person checking you in.

Most of the airlines (American, Continental, Delta, Northwest, United and US Airways) have lowered weight limitations to 50 pounds, down from 70 for checked baggage on domestic flights.

Public Affairs has created an Airline Baggage Rules Summary at www.fwsa.wbees.com/page/page/1102029.htm and links to airline baggage policies plus formed a FWSA Airline Committee. We are also working the Congressional Ski & Snowboard Caucus to bring attention to these airline baggage issues.

Snowsports Baggage Problems: If you have had any snowsports baggage problems, please advise us via email with a description of the problem, date, airline, flight number and if possible, copies/summaries of any correspondence/phone calls with the airline and the airline's response. Please email Diane Stearley (FWSA Airline Committee Chair) dmstear@worldnet.att.net and copy Scott Bowker (FWSA VP Public Affairs) PublicAffairs@fwsa.org at your convenience.

Taxation

The IRS has announced special focus on travel programs. Ski Clubs may be the target of special IRS audits. The IRS has also announced special audits of organizations that run travel tours. These reviews are "special emphasis audits" where the IRS focuses its attention on a specific market segment with common characteristics. Ski clubs that operate travel programs may be the target of a special IRS audit.

The Treasury Department and the IRS have developed regulatory guidance for the operation of travel tours. Ski clubs should expect the operations of trips to become more closely regulated. Two areas that clubs should be

especially mindful of is Free Group Leader Travel and Fam Trips. FWSA is not qualified to provide legal or tax advice. If you have questions you should consult professional advisors concerning the interpretation of this information and how it may apply in your club's specific circumstances.

The Exempt Organizations (EO) function of IRS has initiated market segment studies of five exempt organization market segments including social clubs 501(c)(7) organizations. IRS is using a checksheet www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=96088,00.html to capture information about the activities and compliance levels of the organizations examined in the studies. These studies will enable IRS to accurately assess the risks of noncompliance; identify education and outreach needs; and more efficiently use IRS resources – READ THIS AS LIKELY AREAS OF FOCUS FOR SPECIAL AUDITS.

Resource contacts:

- Exempt Organizations (EO) function in the Tax Exempt & Government Entities Division (TE/GE) of the Internal Revenue Service www.irs.gov/charities/index.html
- Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC) Nonprofits Tax Advisory Services www.pwcglobal.com/education

USFS National Forest Management Act – 2004 Planning Rule Will Have A Major Impact

Forest Service released a landmark update to the 1976 National Forest Management Act (NFMA) on 12/22/04 with a final planning rule. The 2004 planning rule will affect land use and activities on more than 192 million acres of public forests and grasslands, and represents a more flexible approach to forest management, according to the Forest Service.

Under the 1976 NFMA, managers of each of the nation's 155 national forests and 20 national grasslands must draw up plans every 10 to 15 years outlining how the lands will be managed. These plans guide forest uses ranging from logging and grazing to mining and gas drilling to skiing and road building. A typical plan outlines the impact of a proposed activity on plant and animal life and can take 5-7 years and as much as \$7.5 million to complete.

Under the new planning rule forest plan revisions could be completed with 2-3 years and reduce costs by up to 30%.

The 2004 Final NFMA Planning Rule includes the following:

- Gives regional forest managers more flexibility and streamlines environmental reviews. This flexibility and new categorical exclusion (CE) for plan development, amendment and revision may reduce the need for environmental impact statements (EIS) or environmental assessments (EA) in certain cases.
- Requires an environmental management system (EMS) during the planning process to improve performance and accountability. One feature of the EMS is independent audits of forest plans. Another feature is comprehensive evaluations every 5 years.
- Does not promote or discourage any particular forest use, such as recreation, grazing, timber harvest, or mineral development. Decisions regarding such uses will be made on a forest-by-forest basis and will be informed by local conditions, science and public input.
- Relaxes the previous requirement which focused on the species level by providing for viable populations of plant and animal species. The new requirement focuses on the ecosystem level as a whole by providing ecological conditions to support diversity of native plant and animal species. The best available science must be taken in account in this process.

According to Forest Service Associate Chief Sally Collins "This rule applies the most current thinking in natural resources management," Collins said. "It takes a 21st century approach to delivering the full range of values that Americans want for their quality of life: clean air and water; habitat for wildlife, and sustainable uses that will be available for future generations to enjoy."

For further information on NFMA and the 2004 Planning Rule go to www.fs.fed.us/emc/nfma/.

VERB Snow Sports Day (December 4, 2004) & VERB Project Zero Degrees

VERB Snow Sports Day will be held Dec. 4, launching a four-month program in which kids can earn rewards by skiing or snowboarding. VERB's programs have triggered more than a 20% increase in youth activity. In addition, VERB - which was developed in response to the national epidemic of youth obesity - boasts a 79% brand recognition level among 9- to 13-year-olds and has touched more than 17 million kids through its programs. U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA) - the national governing body for Olympic skiing and snowboarding and the leading producer of winter action sports events and athlete programs - joins SnowSports Industries America (SIA) to bring the first winter sports program to the highly successful VERB campaign. VERB, which debuted in 2002, has led to increased physical activity among kids through a variety of marketing initiatives, including alliances with most major U.S. professional sports leagues and athlete spokespersons.

A VERB Project Zero Degrees activity pack will be available to kids at participating retailers coast-to-coast. The pack will contain a variety of cool prizes and educational tools to help get kids excited to try skiing and snowboarding, including a keepsake ziplock sport pouch; weatherproof, 6-card Snow Pass Instructional Cards featuring USSA athletes such as alpine ski world champion Bode Miller, freestyle world champion Jeremy Bloom, and X Games snowboard champions Hannah Teter and Lindsey Jacobellis; carabiner (to secure Snow Pass cards while playing in snow!); and brand decals

The Snow Pass book will drive participants to verbnow.com and snowlinkjr.com for various activity alternatives, gaming, sweepstakes contests and more throughout the winter months. Prize packs will be awarded to a randomly selected site visitor each week from January through March. "The goal of this event is to expose 250,000 new kids, children and parents to snow sports as a fun, healthy and exciting option for winter activity", said Scott Mellin, SIA director of sales and marketing. "Partnering with VERB and the USSA to develop this program enables us to reach hundreds of thousands of children in a kid-cool way", he added.

VERB Snow Sports Day Promotion Support

- 5 million print impressions in Sports Illustrated for Kids and other print vehicles
- 30 million online impressions through banners in some of the highest rated kid's sites including: nick.com, bonus.com, SiforKids.com, kaboose.com, Disney.com and more.
- Hundreds of snow sports retailers across the U.S.

The integrated VERB™ campaign uses advertising, marketing, events and partnership activities to ensure that campaign messages reach children whenever they are looking for something physical to do. Through multicultural media partnerships, the campaign is designed to reach children in all socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds - including specific outreach for African Americans, Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders, Native Americans and Hispanics/Latinos.

In July, SIA announced the formation of a formal partnership with the national VERB™ campaign, which is a \$70 million annual program funded by the CDC aimed at motivating kids aged 9-13 to get more physically active in a "kid-cool" way.

"VERB offers the U.S. Ski Team and U.S. Snowboarding two outstanding opportunities," said USSA's Vice President of Marketing Communications, Tom Kelly. "VERB connects our athletes and brands with the message of activity for kids, and it helps to make kids more aware of our top athletes and the excitement of our sports of skiing and snowboarding."

"We are excited to work with the U.S. Ski Team and U.S. Snowboarding and build a successful program, VERB Project Zero Degrees," said Faye Wong, director of the VERB campaign. "VERB reminds children to discover and participate in all kinds of physical activity, including skiing and snowboarding."

VERB was developed in response to the national epidemic of youth obesity. The marketing campaign has had great success targeting 9-13 year olds directly through the Web, promotions, advertising, public relations and media partnerships, including Parents, MTV, Disney and ABC Family.

“Skiing and snowboarding are among the most popular and fastest growing kid-friendly and family-friendly sports activities,” said Kelly. “And U.S. Ski Team and U.S. Snowboarding athletes are outstanding role models to excite youth about being more active.”

In its campaign, VERB has worked with such well-known athletes such as tennis star Venus Williams, the NFL’s Donovan McNabb and MLS’s Landon Donovan as spokespersons. In addition, VERB has partnered with professional sports leagues, using its brands to reach kids. U.S. Ski Team and U.S. Snowboarding brands and athletes will be used in a similar way, with SIA providing the infrastructure to deliver the program through ski and snowboard retailers.

A significant element of the program will be web content and the ability for kids to log activity online and to pick up skiing and snowboarding tips through the VERBnow.com website, as well as SIA’s snowlinkjr.com and USSA’s web sites at usskiteam.com and ussnowboarding.org.

Director Report

Racing by Bob Ellis, VP

The Far West Championships at Heavenly on March 18-20, 2005 were a tremendous challenge this year due to some vicious weather that hit the Lake Tahoe area that weekend. Ski races that were planned to be held that weekend at several resorts around Lake Tahoe, including the Far West Championships at Heavenly were all snowed out on Saturday and Sunday. The pacesetter races scheduled for Friday, went off without a hitch. The Heavenly Race Department did a splendid job of preparing the hill and setting the six courses. Sixty Far West Pacesetters ran three Giant Slaloms and three Slaloms on Friday so our handicap guru and Chief of Race George Eachus could review the results and give all the pacesetters individual handicaps for slalom and giant slalom.

On Saturday morning the conditions were deemed too dangerous to race by our Safety personnel. Some people disagreed with the decision, however; as race organizers, we need to look at the safety for all racers, and one leg injury is not worth putting on the race. Some participants went out and challenged the elements, and many had fun skiing the fresh powder. For those who did not want to ski, many retreated to the hotels and casinos, gambled, went to movies or had fun carousing with friends.

On Saturday night, we put on a wonderful Awards Banquet at the Horizon Casino Resort with a nice salmon dinner and dancing to a DJ. Sheri Parschall organized the event and made sure everyone had fun and plenty to eat. Many participated in the Silent Auction and purchased some great trips, services and items that were donated by 25 supportive companies. Many thanks should be given to Barbara Bryant for working tirelessly to put on the Silent Auction. Not only did Barbara acquire many of the donated items, she kept track of each item until they were all sold. The success of the Silent Auction benefited the buyers of the items, and turned a dismal weekend into a wonderful time.

Behind the scenes we were scrambling to put on a fun event for our racers with only one day left, however Mother Nature refused to give us a break and once again on Sunday we did not race. The resulting storm left several feet of new snow and the hope for a long ski season.

Two weeks later we quickly rescheduled the races and held the GS and Slalom on East Bowl and World Cup runs at Heavenly. Those racers that were able to make the rescheduled event were thrilled to come down the challenging 65 second GS course. Due to it being a rescheduled event and lower participation, we were also able to give two runs on each course for each racer. By the end of each day, we had a lot of tired ski racers.

Next year we will be at Kirkwood, which is 30 miles south of South Lake Tahoe and is known for its abundant powder and great skiing. Information and specific details will be on our website soon, including lodging information, ticket information, registration information and a schedule of events for the weekend. The Kirkwood staff is very excited about our upcoming event and will be pulling out all the stops to make our stay as fun and enjoyable as possible.

Director Report

Awards Program by Susie Vetter, Awards Chair

The modern day Awards Program was initiated in 1966 and has witnessed a series of expansions over the years. The more recent expansions have included recognition of Club and Council short-term achievement as well as various industry acknowledgments.

In a volunteer organization such as Far West Ski Association nothing happens without volunteers contributing their time and talent to produce programs. These dedicated individuals could never be compensated for the contribution they make to the association. For volunteer organizations, recognition is the most valuable thank-you that can be offered. In many ways the maturity and stature of an organization can be measured by the value that individuals place on the recognition program. Far West has the broadest program of any regional ski association in the country and there are many opportunities for aspiring individuals, clubs and councils to gain recognition.

The Far West program is divided into four (4) distinct areas as follows:

1. Club and Council Achievement
2. Significant Service by Ski Volunteers
3. Athletic Competitions
4. Industry Competitions

Overlapping all of the above is the FWSA “Great Awards “. To be considered, someone from the awards committee (FWSA Officer’s & VP’s & Trustees, Council Presidents, FWRA Officers & past Recipients – more than 100 people) makes a nomination by submitting a citation.

The awards chairman certifies the citation is accurate and appropriate then conducts a balloting of the awards committee. All accepted citations are archived in the Western American Ski Sports Museum as a living history of FWSA volunteerism. In addition to commemorative plaques and medallions a permanent display of past recipients is showcased at the Museum. The “Great Awards “ are as follows:

Hans Georg Award: Awarded for distinguished accomplishment and long-term contribution to skiing, this award is given to an individual who has contributed significant achievements to skiing, not necessarily organized skiing. It reflects a long-term contribution and is the highest award of the Far West Ski Association.

Elizabeth “Schatzi “ Wood: Awarded to the woman, in the Far West region, who has, through efforts in ski club, council, region, national, or international activities, made a decisive contribution to skiing during either the past year or in a prior year.

J. Stanley Mullin: Awarded to the man, in the Far West region, who has, through efforts in ski club, council, region, national of international activities, made a decisive contribution to skiing during either the past year or in a prior year.

Jimmie Heuga: Awarded to the individual who, like Jimmie, has made a significant contribution to disabled skiing and/or has overcome a physical disability and has been an inspiration to others.

Terry Smith: Awarded to the outstanding individual who has greatly contributed to the advancement of intramural ski racing.

Jordan-Reily: Awarded for a one or two year activity and achievement in ski related Public Affairs programs – area development, skier safety, liability protections, governmental affairs, taxation, and transportation.

Bill Mackey: Awarded for outstanding service to the skiing public by a ski industry or ski area employee.

Tommi Tyndall: Awarded to the ski area, ski area operator, tourism bureau, or ski area association who has made a distinguished contribution to skiing and/or the Far West Ski Association in the past year or in a prior year.

Club and Council recognition

Councils' Man & Woman of the Year: This award is presented to both an outstanding man and woman at the grassroots level. Selection criteria is based on each individual's involvement in skiing; club, council, regional and national activities; and knowledge and enthusiasm for the sport of skiing. Candidates should have awareness of Far West programs and, in particular, its public affairs involvement.

In addition, clubs and councils may submit their newsletters, web sites and yearbooks for recognition in the following categories:

Tollakson Outstanding club
Wentworth Outstanding Publication
Outstanding Web Site

Clubs are divided into four award classes:

Class A: Membership up to 100
Class AA: Membership of 101 to 175
Class AAA: Membership of 175 to 350
Class AAAA: Membership of 351 or more

Media Awards

The Bill Berry Award

The Bill Berry Award is for Print Coverage of Skiing. This award is given for outstanding service to skiing from writers and authors for printed media.

Criteria:

- 2 categories - Featured Article and Hard News.
- One of two FWSA Awards that allows self-nomination.
- May receive this award more than once but not in consecutive years in the same category.

The Warren Miller Award

The Warren Miller Award is for Modern Media Coverage of Skiing. This award is given for outstanding service to skiing media, including cinematographers, photographers, and radio or television broadcasters.

Criteria:

- Modern Media.
- One of two FWSA Awards that allows self-nomination.
- May receive this award more than once but not in consecutive years in the same category.

Significant Contributions by the Ski Industry and Volunteers

Presidents” Award: The FWSA President selects the Recipient. This award recognizes one or more individuals who have made a significant contribution during the year to the goals of the Far West Ski Association or to the skiing experience of the “Western Skier”.

Ski Industry: Long-term ski industry supporters of the FWSA annual convention are recognized with certificates of appreciation.

Athletic Competition

Joe Ross Memorial: Awarded to the ski racers at FWSA ski week who earn the highest point totals for the entire week in their age bracket both male and female. The age brackets are:

- 21 to 30**
- 31 to 40**
- 41 to 50**
- 51 to 60**
- 61 to 70**
- 71 and above**

Council of the Week: Awarded to the council that earns the most points ski racing at FWSA ski week.

Ski Club of the Week: Awarded to the ski club who earns the most points at FWSA ski racing at ski week.

Skier of the Week: Awarded to the female and male skiers who earn the most points ski racing at FWSA ski week.

Roma McCoy: Awarded to the FWRA Ski League that earns the most points per racer start at the FWRA Championships.

FWRA Championship: Awarded to the FWRA Ski League that earns the most points over all at the FWRA Championships.

Public Affairs

Western Ski Heritage Prize: Recognizes outstanding effort in the area of ski history by Historians in the identification of resource material, preparation of historical publications and/or recording or documenting of significant historical events. The Prize also recognizes interest in FWSA history through collection, preservation and protection of appropriate articles and material. The Prize acknowledges the utilization of all types of media and is not limited to FWSA members. Applications are due approximately three weeks before convention.

Safety Person of the Year Award: This award honors the person within FWSA who does the most to promote safe skiing and safety programs at the club and/or council level through the utilization of organized events, educational forums, print and electronic media, on mountain activities and partnering with other, safety focused community and industry organizations. Applications are due approximately two weeks before convention.

FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION'S COUNCILS
MAN/WOMAN OF THE YEAR CHAIRMAN TIMELINE

The following is the time line for information, submission, requests, and forms.

Mid Jan	Notify council presidents on MWOY Program
Mid Feb	Request Name of Council MWOY Chairperson; \$25 Council cost for each Honoree
Mar 1	Request Names of Honorees and Judges' names/phone numbers E-mails/addresses from council presidents
April 1	Request Honorees' resumes
May 1	Deadline for submittal of resumes to me
May 14	Mail resumes and judging criteria to judges
May 14	Mail typical questions to honorees/judges for review before convention; provide time schedule to judges

**FWSA AWARDS
TIMELINE AND GUIDELINE**

January 10th: Nomination packets sent to all eligible nominators. A cover letter and website reference should be included.

Eligible nominators include:

1. FWSA Board of Directors
2. FWSA Board of Trustees
3. Past FWSA service award recipients, excluding Bill Berry, Tommi Tyndall, and Bill Mackey award recipients.
4. Terry Smith Award Nomination packets are also to be sent to the FWRA elected officers, league chairman, and past Terry Smith award recipients.
5. Past Terry Smith Award recipients are only eligible to nominate for the Terry Smith Award unless eligible from another category

February 1st: Bill Berry nomination packets sent to Bill Berry Award database.

March 1st: Nominations close for all FWSA service awards except the Bill Berry Award.

1. Nominations must be postmarked on or before the 10th of March to be accepted.
2. Nominees will be allowed one citation, nominator, and one co-nominator only, if more citations, nominators, and co-nominators are received the Awards Chairman will contact interested parties and allow them to make a decisions on whom they wish to be the nominator and co-nominator to be and which citation to be used in the balloting process. Without agreement from the nominators the Awards Chairman will choose the earliest postmarked citation. Nominator and co-nominator will not be allowed to list past FWSA awards that they have received on the citation form.

April 1st: Nominations close for the Bill Berry Awards.

1. Awards Committee Chairman will impanel a jury of qualified people to select Bill Berry Award winners.

April 15th: Award ballots sent out. Award plaques ordered.

1. All ballots are to be numbered and sent with a return envelope and a separate envelope marked ballot.

May 1st: Ballots due back. President's award recipient named.

1. Ballots must be post marked by May 1st to be accepted.
2. Ballots to be opened and counted in the presence of at least two members of the awards committee.
3. Ballots and return envelopes are to be separated before ballots are opened and counted.
4. Committee members separating and counting ballots may not be in the running for an FWSA service award.

Director Report

Family/Youth Involvement by Linda Westlund, Trustee

Family/Youth Involvement Committee Report, 2004-2005

The **Family/Youth Involvement Committee** of the FWSA was established in July 2003 and meets at breakout sessions held during FWSA Board of Director Meetings. This committee has worked throughout the year to evaluate, develop and execute plans that provide opportunities for families to participate in ski club related activities.

Mission: To sustain and grow the sport of snow skiing by attracting and building the family and youth market. Short and long-range planning for family and youth involvement, with the objective of developing programs and services to welcome families and youth into our ski organizations.

Strategy and Objectives: Our strategy is to build interest in family ski outings thru events hosted at the Council levels. We will provide the opportunity for the youth/family audience to get familiar with our ski councils, FWSA, and the experience and value that we provide, and then add FWSA level programs to serve this growing member base. Our FWSA objective is to offer a multi-day or weeklong FWSA Family Ski Trip by 2007. The intent is to build a program that would not disrupt service to our member base that enjoys adult-only activities.

FWSA Ski Week, as we know it today, would continue to be a trip for members age 21 and over. A Family Ski Trip would be planned and offered, likely with a different destination, dates, and set of activities, and with pricing to appeal to the family/youth market. Trip size would be small initially, and would be expected to grow in future years. We will also work on developing other benefits for Family Members, such as discounts available thru the FWSA Membership Card. Racing Programs for youth will also be explored and expanded, with consideration to affordability for families

FWSA Level Programs

In April 2005, FWSA sponsored its' first Family Program event at Mammoth Mountain, as part of the Mammoth Spring Bash (previously known as Ski Club Appreciation Weekend). During our summer 2004 planning sessions, we recognized the opportunity to align with this popular ski weekend that many of our members participate in, at an area that is very accessible to our California based councils. Our plans included sponsorship of a Pizza Party during the weekend, targeted at families attending, and ensuring availability of condo lodging at attractive prices. The Pizza Party was held on Sunday afternoon, immediately prior to the race award presentations for Mammoth's weekend race events. Families and adult members attending enjoyed FWSA hosted pizza and soft drinks. The event was very well received and provided FWSA with some very positive exposure within the skiing community ... including the families on hand and other members who are looking for opportunities to get their kids and grandkids involved in the sport we love. We are already making plans for a 2nd Annual event in conjunction with the 2006 Mammoth Spring Bash, and have discussed successes and improvement areas from this year's program to make next year's program even more successful. We learned that there is a definite interest in having family events available thru FWSA.

Council Level Programs

Our councils are running off-season programs to attract their members to include their families and to invite other families and youth in ski club and ski activities. San Diego Ski Council holds an annual Family Picnic at Mission Bay each summer. Arizona Ski Council held their 3rd Annual Family Fun Day at the local Coasters & Castles

Amusement Park this spring. Many of our Councils and Race Leagues welcome youth participation in their race events. Sierra Race League has 8 Junior Racers, with 2 of these racers qualifying as and acting as pace setters.

Interested Councils have started discussing plans for a 2005-2006 ski season trip for families to the Tahoe area, and our leaders will be making contacts with resort and tour operator suppliers from Tahoe and other attractive destinations to check out our options. Priorities are family friendly resorts and accommodations, with low cost and easy travel access.

Thank You to Committee Members

The Family/Youth Involvement Committee is chaired by Linda Westlund, Trustee. Member Councils and FWSA Program areas are well represented on the Committee. Thank you to Bud Allie (Inland Council President), Barbara Bryant (Sierra Council President), Ken Calkins (Trustee), Michael German (VP Councils), Slyvia Kearns (VP Membership), Ed Knott (VP Recreation & Safety), Fran Long (Central Council President), and Richard Lubin (Safety Chairperson).

Volunteers and Participants Needed

Future programs and services for family members will depend on interest from our membership and availability of volunteers to plan and lead family activities. Thank you to all who participated this year, and to those who have stepped forward to help us plan and run future events. If you are interested in volunteering to help plan a family or youth event at the FWSA level or thru your council, please contact a Family/Youth Involvement Committee Member.

FWSA Direct Family Membership Status

The Family/Youth Involvement Committee carefully considered the opportunity and risk related to creating a Direct Family Membership category for FWSA in 2004. Establishing a Direct Family Membership category would enable us to build and assess our potential audience for FWSA Family Programs, however we are just beginning to develop family and youth programs and therefore have little to offer to Family Members at this time.

FWSA's primary membership base is Club Members, who are members of FWSA by the association of their Ski Council and Ski Club. FWSA also has a small contingent of Direct Members at this time. Given the relatively low Direct Member count as compared to the larger FWSA membership base of Club Members, do we really need a direct Family Membership or expect to grow our membership with such an offering? We concluded that our primary member base will continue to be Club Members, but also agreed that FWSA must take a leadership position within the community of organized skiing to remove limitations on serving the family/youth market by providing for their membership.

FWSA determined that recommendations for family membership bylaw changes should be deferred to allow for further development and success of Family Programs at the council levels, as well as review and coordination of changes required throughout the bylaws to support the category and definition of Family Membership.

Providing for family membership and offering valued services to this class of membership will be a multi-year endeavor. Please check the *Family Activities* page on the *FWSA Web Site*, www.fwsa.org to stay informed on our progress!

Director Report

History Committee by John Watson, History Chair

The proof is in the pudding! From initiatives taken over three years ago, the Association is presenting a history convention on its 75th birthday. Kudos to the hard working souls on the L. A. Council Convention Committee who have endured weekly meetings for over a year, labored diligently and professionally, and brought us together with skiers of all ages. We are meeting historic figures in an informal setting where tales may be swapped, information passed, old friends greeted, and new friends made. The LA committee has historic figures amongst its number as well, including **John James** and **Catherine Ohl**.

Notable this year was the opening May 22 of **Ingrid Wicken's** California Ski Library in Norco, CA. Here you can read, look and do research in her extensive and growing archive of ski history, especially that for Southern California. She should be contacted at Box 273, Norco, CA 92860, (951-735-5106) for information on donated materials, visiting hours, and directions.

I have prepared below, with Catherine Ohl's assistance a brief history of various fund raising or advocacy organizations from FWSA history. Some of these are still viable organizations. See the NWSCC report for details of an activity in the Pacific Northwest, the NWSA, which is chartered to coordinate issues affecting both consumers and the ski areas.

ADVOCACY FUNDS AND FOUNDATIONS

Public hearings were held by a Congressional committee regarding on the last parcel of land, San Gorgonio, to be included as wilderness under the Wilderness Act of 1964. San Gorgonio had long been considered as the final and best ski area in Southern California. A race, the San G, sometimes still held, was conducted annually from Lytle Creek. Plans had been outlined and backing committed. The **San Gorgonio Fund** was established by then Southern Council to continue the fight for San G. Skiers were not unanimous on the issue and this allowed the committee to reach the decision to include San G in the Wilderness Act. The San G Fund was finally spent on other expenses in the last decade.

In the 1964-66 era, the Association organized its programs in two arms, Recreation and Competition. The **Far West Ski Foundation** was established in 1964 to support racing programs, including expenses for team travel, coaching, training officiating and awards. These contributions were tax deductible. The Far West Ski Foundation is still in existence today but only administers its limited funds to young racers.

The Recreation arm, which included Area Development, now included under Public Affairs, had no tax-deductible entity but still had the mission of research and advocacy of skiing on public lands. This resulted in several advocacy funds devoted to specific or general issues in area development.

The **Save Our Skiing Fund** was established November 5, 1969 in the battle over **Mineral King** by **Jerry Garrett**, now of New Zealand, but then the President of the Single Ski Club of Los Angeles. Mineral King had long been considered as a premier ski site (even by the Sierra Club) as far back as the 1950s. The area was loosely classified as a Game Refuge in 1965, when the U S Forest Service issued a prospectus for the development of skiing in the Mineral King valley. Base facilities would be on private inholdings. The Sierra Club sued the Forest Service and received a preliminary injunction from San Francisco District Court. The court case went from Federal court through appellate proceedings and ended up in the Supreme Court. Far West Ski Association was a party to the case through an **amicus curiae** brief. Congress was busy changing the status of Mineral King from

National Forest to Sequoia National Park. This change made the outcome of the court case moot. Mineral King remains a pack station to this day, looming in the sun and never to be skied.

Meanwhile, it was becoming obvious that ANY ski area development was going to face opposition from the Sierra Club or loosely affiliated action groups. The Association convened a **Public Lands Advisory Board (PLAB)** to conduct research on suitability of skiing sites in California. Of the 20-odd sites identified by **Royall Brown's** committee, a number were under consideration (after the Mineral King debacle) by the Forest Service. This included Trail Peak, Moses-Maggie, Peppermint, Independence Lake, Mt. Dunderberg, Iceberg Canyon, Sherwin Bowl, and others. The Association conducted skier reconnaissance and research on several of these candidate sites, notably by **Chuck Morse**. This caused the Association to undertake a seemingly endless series of public advocacy and mobilization programs. To defray costs of these several advocacy campaigns, the **Skisport Defense Fund** was incorporated January 8, 1974. But the economy forced a plateau or decline in skiing and this seemingly reduced the need for new terrain. Today, none of these candidate areas have been developed and most never will, having been consigned to the Wilderness System.

The Association continued its research, however, conducted a series of skier reconnaissances, both on snow and in summer under the **Eastern Sierra Site Survey** in the early 1990s. The four patrollers on ESSS included **Dave Tollakson**, killed in a climbing practice, and his friend **Steve Reneker**, who climbed Mt. Everest in his memory. The other two included **Jerry Lambert** and **Ron Anderson**. The ESSS explored the proposed development in what was called Sherwin Bowl (actually not a bowl) and the San Joaquin ridgeline extending northward from Mammoth Mountain. This ridgeline contains several bowls, one of which would be a spectacular snowboard park, and all of which would be easily accessible from Highway 395. In addition, fact-finding was done on the possibility of connecting June Mountain to this ridgeline. The team included **Norm Cullen, Gene Fulkerson, John** and **Claudia Watson**, and the late **Mike Favia**, then Association President.

It became obvious that research regarding the environmental, topographic and geography of candidate sites could be conducted under foundation auspices. The Far West Ski Foundation name was no longer available for these purposes, so a new one, the **Eleventh Mountain Foundation** was established in the 1980s. This foundation, while inactive, remains available to conduct public lands and historical research, among other objectives.

Director Report

Safety Committee by Richard Lubin, Safety Chair

Safety

Safety is preeminent in participation in any sports. Snow sports, in particular, can involve high speeds, weather extremes, and high risk. Therefore the area of safety is both relevant and very important to the Association. The position of Safety Chair was created in the fall of 2002, with two time Safety Person of the Year winner ('01&'02). **Richard Lubin, D.C.** Mike Sanford and Dr. Lubin drafted a new Committee Charter, Mission Statement and Objectives.

The Association promotes safety by a number of methods.

- A) There is a special section of the webpage (**FWSA.org**) with articles on safety.
- B) In our annual **FWSA SKIERS GUIDE**, publication, the widely distributed magazine. Our most recent (2004-2005) Skiers Guide included an informative article on Frostbite by our snowboarding chiropractor.
- C) The associations' quarterly newsletter, **The Councilman**, has featured regular articles on safety by Dr. Lubin and others.
- D) Our Safety Chair has interacted with a number of Risk managers and Ski Patrollers at the Ski Resorts to discuss issues of Safety.
- E) The Safety chair has regularly e-mailed original articles to dozens of the ski clubs' websites and newsletters.
- F) Our slogans-- "**Ski With Pride, Let It Ride, Watch All Sides**" and **First With Safety Awareness** appear in many places letting all know that safety is an important issue with the association.
- G) Our **Safety Person of the Year** Contest brings greater exposure to our concerns and dedication to safety in snow sports.
- H) **New this year** is the **FWSA Safety Poster** which reads **Be Safe Wear Your Helmet, Ski With Pride, Let it Ride, Watch All Sides**

Safety Person of the Year (SPOY)

Starting in 1999 the FWSA has been awarding a Safety Person of the Year to the individual within the association that has done the most to promote safety through a number of criteria. This contest has been sponsored by **ASPEN SKIING COMPANY**. They have announced that they will continue sponsorship through 2006 and perhaps beyond. While every ski resort promotes safety, Aspen has proven their dedication to making safety an important issue by rewarding these individuals with a fabulous ski vacation. This includes a 7 day package for 2 including airfare, lodging, 6 days of lift tickets, rental equipment, lessons, a mountain tour with an employee, and an appearance on the local TV show, Aspen Today.

The winners have been ('99) Catherine Ohl, Century City and Pacific Rim Alliance Ski Clubs (LA/SD Councils), ('00) Denise Vance, North Island Snowdrifters (SD Council), and ('01 &'02) Richard Lubin, D.C., Bota Baggers Ski Club (BAC). 2003 Elaine Cobos, current president of the Arizona Ski Council. Our most recent 2004 winner is our own Far West Racing Association President, **Bob Ellis**. Among other safety concerns, he inspects the racecourses for safety. This was apparent in our most recent FWRA Championships at Heavenly in March of 2005. During these races he had to make the difficult, yet safety conscious decision to cancel and reschedule these races due to inclement weather. Bob also produced a great video called "Safety on the Slopes" and wrote several safety articles. We applaud his efforts

We will pick a new winner at the 2005 convention.

Resorts

The ski resorts take great measures to ensure that skiing and snowboarding can be a safe sport. Long before a ski area is open, the patrollers check the slopes. Issues like avalanche danger, lifts, marking obstacles, padding lift towers, marking out of bounds, grooming are among the many safety concerns. Resorts are careful to emphasize safety. Most resorts have a Risk Manager to address some of these concerns. Each ski area has its own unique set of concerns. “The Skiers Responsibility Code”, which outlines safe practices, is displayed prominently at nearly every US resort on posters, on napkins and in restrooms. Ski patrollers issue warnings and sometimes pull the passes of those who demonstrate unsafe practices. We ultimately recognize that the issue of safety is most dependent on each individual’s own cognizance.

We applaud the efforts of some of the national programs like **Burton’s Smart Style, the National Ski Area Association’s (NSAA) Heads Up Safety Program, and Safety Awareness Week.**

Some of us remember the relatively archaic boots and bindings of yesteryear. Equipment manufacturers have contributed to increased safety in skiing. Material science and improved design have helped to bolster the numbers of safe snow sport participants.

A few issues to be addressed in the coming year with the FWSA Safety committee are:

- Helmet Use
- Learn to Snowboard safety tips
- Terrain Parks
- Lift safety bars
- Interaction between skiers and snowboarders
- ‘Buckling in’ for snowboarders on the lift
- Wrist supports for snowboarders

FWSA Safety Poster

This colorful and professional poster has been distributed to dozens of ski areas and ski shops. The Safety Chair has personally distributed dozens of these posters to: Squaw Valley, Alpine Meadows, Mount Bachelor, Northstar, Heavenly, Kirkwood, Donner Ski Ranch, Boreal, Soda Springs, and Sugar Bowl. Additionally numerous ski shops and sporting good stores have had the poster given to them.

Interaction – Resort Safety Personnel

The safety chair has personally interacted with the Risk Managers from Squaw Valley and Heavenly. Additionally, he has had discussions with the Safety Manager of Sugar Bowl and Risk Manager Stevens Pass.

The FWSA Safety Chair is an avid snowboarder, with over 50 days of riding this season. Interactions have occurred on a weekly basis with the ski patrollers, both professional and National Ski Patrol (amateur). Discussions have occurred with close to 100 ski patrollers on safety issues. Exchanges have also occurred with lift managers and operators. We discussed safety concerns like safety bars and conditions, which will put a lift onto ‘hold’ status. An opportunity was presented to tour a lift booth. There are sophisticated indicators in these areas, which show wind speed, chair speed, and monitor other important aspects of the operation.

Terrain Parks

The question has been posed to these on-slope safety personnel as to the numbers of injuries occurring on different parts of the mountain. By far the response has been that the terrain parks appear to present the highest risk areas. Most of the patrollers indicated that between 40-60% of injuries, which are serious, take place in these areas. These are defined as incidents which are required to be written up and even taken off the hill. It was also pointed out that many injuries which may occur in these areas are not recorded, because, for example, a competent snowboarder with a wrist fracture may just ride to the bottom of the hill absent any ski patrol assistance. This disproportionate number of injuries in terrain parks and terrain features is of great concern. Probably less than 10% of all skiers and riders use these regularly and yet they account for a significant amount of injuries. Almost all resorts now promote these parks and terrain features to attract younger skiers and riders. Much of what is depicted in advertising is these ‘freestyle’ type activities. Therefore addressing this safety concern is essential. Interestingly, most patrollers indicate that the more extreme black and double black diamond areas do not yield a high number of injuries.

A Degree of Safety and FWSA Exposure

The FWSA is also investigating providing **thermometers** with the FWSA logo and a safety slogan to be provided to some resorts free of charge. This idea has been presented to a few ski areas with a positive response. Who could resist looking at these while getting off the lift? This will help increase the degree of exposure of the association, reaffirm its dedication to safety, and of course, give the temperature.

Conclusion

Skiing and snowboarding present the most risks ultimately to the individual user Like driving, one has to use common sense and ski or ride defensively, watching and anticipating all possible dangers.

At all FWSA conventions, safety has remained a major issue. FWSA has continued to focus its efforts on promoting safe snow sport practices.

The Far West Ski Association is interested in getting people out there to maximally enjoy the snow while staying safe. We continue to be a leader in this arena.

Remember **SAFETY IS HAVING FUN CONSCIOUSLY!**

Director Report

Far West Skier's Guide by Leigh Gieringer, Editor

The Far West Skier's Guide - an Official Publication of the Far West Ski Association - is an important communication tool to reach FWSA members and to attract potential new members to affiliated ski clubs. To date, seventeen annual issues have been produced. The issues are currently distributed from Seattle, Washington to San Diego, California; from Albuquerque, New Mexico to Reno, Nevada. It is a major undertaking and one of the FWSA most visible programs. Although I have the prime role in producing this publication, there are others that need to be acknowledged, because without their assistance, this publication would not exist in its present form.

First mention would have to be the ski industry which has supported the Far West Skier's Guide throughout the years. We have a synergistic relationship. Our membership is able to be informed about different resorts. The Guide provides the resort community with a platform to get their messages to our members, as well as other snowsport enthusiasts - allowing them to make informed travel decisions. On behalf of the Far West Skier's Guide and the Far West Ski Association, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the ski industry for their continued support of and participation in our publication. I look forward to including you in future issues.

Additionally, officers of FWSA/FWRA and member councils have played important roles. Although the names change, office holders' contributions and perspectives are essential to producing an informative and multi-faceted publication. Each council has the opportunity to outline their major activities and club information. Council presidents also disseminate The Guide to their member clubs. Additional copies of The Guide are distributed to ski shows and ski shops in each council area which helps attract new members to the clubs.

The past issue helped celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Organization which was founded in the fall of 1930. A special insert was set aside to trace the history of FWSA and the sport of skiing throughout the decades. It has definitely come a long way. The current skier/boarder generations have benefited tremendously from the devotion of our forefathers to develop the sport and establish the beautiful ski resorts we now enjoy. It wasn't an easy task in terms of time, technology and dollars spent. But for the skiing/boarder community - it was all worthwhile.

The Far West Skier's Guide is about to enter its eighteenth year. I wish to thank everyone who will be associated with this publication for their efforts in making this the best regional ski publication in the country. My goal is to continue to create an informative publication for our readers to enjoy. Look for it in October.

Council Report

Arizona Ski Council by Elaine Cobos, President



Arizona Ski Council (ASC) represents six ski clubs and 1,200 ski club members, primarily in the Phoenix metro-area, with membership open to non-profit ski clubs in the State of Arizona. Our clubs serve skiers, snowboarders and social members.

Boeing Adventure Club	Corporate, family-oriented activity club
East Valley Ski Club	Adult ski club, family-friendly
Motorola Ski Club	Corporate ski club, family-friendly (set to close after 2005 Convention)
Party Time Sports	Adult ski and social club
Phoenix Ski Club	Adult ski and social club
Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club	Adult ski and social club

Our 2004-2005 ski season and year round activities were fantastic! Included was an extensive list of ski season trips offered by our member clubs, and by ASC and FWSA. We had great participation in our trips and local events, and are particularly proud of our strong showing in competitive racing programs during FWSA ski week. We also had family fun while providing support for community service organizations such as Telluride Adaptive Sport Program, US Ski and Snowboard Team, and Special Olympics.

2004-2005 Ski Season

We started the ski season with our annual "Arizona Days" trip to Telluride, Colorado in December, bringing about 200 skiers and riders to enjoy great early season conditions. This low cost bus trip offers 3 or 4 ski days and multiple departure times and is always a great value and draw for longtime members as well as first-time skiers who want to check out our clubs. This year we stayed again in the Mountain Village at the luxurious ski-in ski-out Wyndham Peaks Hotel and Lodges, with ski valet service, a terrific pool and several Jacuzzis, and access to the Golden Door Spa. The Telluride Conference Center was the venue for our Friday evening party and dance, and an on-mountain picnic greeted hungry skiers at the bottom of the race course on Saturday. We are excited that FWSA is bringing Ski Week to our "local" mountain February 4-11, 2006.

We brought 114 Zonies –both skiers and snowboarders -- to Aspen, Colorado, for 2005 FWSA Ski Week. The skiing, pub-crawl and parties, and race events were great, with near perfect snow conditions! Our Council Night party included a fantastic pre-dinner mixer devised by our intrepid ASC trip captain, Ron LaMoureaux, that effectively encouraged such a large and diverse group to mix and meet members from other Arizona clubs. Arizona Ski Council took second place in the Ski Week Council Trophy for racing, and the council placed 3rd in the council challenge race! Watch out for next year, at Telluride, as we'll be looking to take back the top awards.

We also sent a good sized contingent of Arizona skiers to both FWSA International Ski Weeks, one in St Moritz, Switzerland, and the other in Nagano, Japan. They returned with raves about the trips and the excellent planning and organization by leaders Kathy and Tucker Hoffmann.

In addition to Arizona Ski Council and FWSA winter travel, our ski clubs ran several great trips this year. Both *Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club (SSSC)* and *Phoenix Ski Club (PSC)* rang in the New Year in Durango and both clubs enjoyed this year's fantastic El Nino conditions at Taos, New Mexico. *PSC* adventured up late season to Sun

Peaks, BC, for some good late snowfall. SSSC also ventured up north, to Mt. Bachelor, Oregon. *Motorola Ski Club* members, in their last season, hit the slopes at Breckenridge and Whistler. Both PSC and SSSC returned to Telluride in April for the annual end of season bash, “Surf the Rockies”, enjoying the new Prospect Bowl terrain with over 700 skiable acres accessible by 3 new high-speed quad chairlifts.

Mindful of the hot weather and not willing to give up skiing so easily, ASC expanded its travel program this year to include an international adventure away from our “dry” heat. Almost 30 ASC members traversed the globe in search of that perfect ski run last August/ September. Our summer adventure included skiing in South America and then exploring the amazing Inca Ruins. The trip was August 26 – September 2, 2004, for the ski portion, and continued on through September 7, 2004, for the post-trip to Peru. We skied for five days in the Valle Nevado region in Chile, even visiting a few Chilean wineries, before exploring Machu Picchu. Some of our members also went on a pre-trip excursion for 4 days to Easter Island, the world's most remote inhabited island and home of the famous stone heads.

Competitive Racing in Arizona Ski Council

ASC strongly promoted participation in FWSA Ski Week races and NASTAR race events on council and club trips. For a council with no regular racing program or race league to our name, our racers rocked! We came in 2nd overall in racing points at FWSA ski week in Aspen, and our council challenge team kicked butt and took 3rd place! Thanks go to Dan Romanenko, ASC Race Coordinator, and his council race team: Jeff Bailey, Motorola Ski Club, Jinwon Kim, Motorola Ski Club, Don Lameyer, Motorola Ski Club, Dave Feldbaumer, Motorola Ski Club, Wendy Go, Boeing Adventure Club, Gary Thomas, Phoenix Ski Club, John Shaw, Phoenix Ski Club, and Julie Church, Phoenix Ski Club.

The “Jager Cup Challenge” is the Arizona Ski Council interclub NASTAR race competition held on our annual “Arizona Days” trip to Telluride. This year we held our third annual Race Clinic on the day prior to the race for competitors to get some tips and hone their skills. On race day, first timers and veterans, both skiers and snowboarders, competed for individual and club recognition. Fun was had by all on the race course, at the on-mountain picnic following the competition, and at the awards happy hour held on Saturday night. Congratulations to the *Motorola Ski Club* for winning the Jager Cup for this, their final, year. It was a close race for all three clubs. Even Kevin Foster, former Paralympics skier from the 1995-96 teams, raced the course, almost ahead of his guide! Legally blind since age 12, Kevin “wowed” all participants with his solid gold performance.

Other Activities – Social, Recreational and Community Service

The ASC Annual Ski Season Kick Off Party this year turned into our first ever Silent Auction. We succeeded in achieving the ambitious goal of raising over \$5,000 to send deaf and blind students from the *Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind* up to Telluride to learn to ski with the fantastic folks of the *Telluride Adaptive Sports Program* (TASP). Our Silent Auction occurred on November 4, 2004 at the Sunshine Hotel & Suites in central Phoenix. We provided food and munchies, reasonably priced cash bar, DJ/music and time to pour over all the Silent Auction bid items. We even included a fashion show, courtesy of Valley Ride Shop (formerly Peter Glenn)! Everyone who attended felt like they came away a winner, supporting this worthy, snow-related cause.

Thirteen students, 10 blind and 3 deaf, worked with TASP on the snow February 13-14, 2005, receiving two days of “two on one” instruction. At the end, each student was awarded a certificate of completion. It is fair to say that the students all felt very proud of their progress, and they hope to have a chance to be on the snow again soon.

In addition, the council Charities’ Committee successfully expanded offering discounts on movie tickets and family events, including giving back a portion of the proceeds to ski related charities.

Our clubs have extensive offerings of social events and year round activities to keep our members entertained. Off season trips include weekend get-aways to beach front resorts in Mexico, treks to California – both northern and southern, and houseboat outings on beautiful Lake Powell. We have regular Friday night Happy Hours -- always at a different location – local weekend bike rides in our cooler months, monthly dinner outings, lake trips,

a Graffiti T-shirt Party, Wine & Cheese parties, Halloween costume parties, Luaus ... and an endless list of fun events. Our clubs also support charities and serve the community.

In the Midst of a Banner Snow Season in Arizona, there was even more to cheer about with the exciting news for skiers and riders in Arizona that Coconino National Forest Supervisor Nora Rasure announced her decision to approve Alternative Two, the Preferred Alternative of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which allows snowmaking with reclaimed water and other needed improvements at the Snowbowl Ski Resort, near Flagstaff, Arizona. The EIS process began in September 2002 when Snowbowl submitted its proposal to the Forest Service for snowmaking and upgrades to the ski area.

Communication Programs

Our periodic newsletter, the "Snowcactus News," is published three times per year and features information on council and club trips and events, race results, skier safety, and community service and other public affairs of interest to our skiers. Club contact and event information is also posted on our website www.arizonaskicouncil.org. We reach the skiing public and look for new members for our clubs at showings of the Warren Miller Ski Film thanks to partnership with **Arizona Snowbowl**, and provide for distribution of the FWSA Skiers' Guide at local ski shops as well as ski swap venues in which our clubs participate.

Family Programs

We have formed a Family Programs Committee to evaluate and plan family activities and trips. Our family-oriented clubs and individual parent and grandparent members in adult ski clubs have asked the Council to offer family ski trips. Our opportunity to successfully plan and run family trips is growing as several former ski club and council leaders now have young children or are expectant parents. Several of these families joined us at *Arizona Days* in Telluride December 2004 and on the *Motorola Ski Club* trip to Breckenridge in January 2005 and Whistler in February 2005.

Arizona Ski Council's third annual family event is a day of fun at the Castles & Coaster Park in Phoenix, slated this year for April 16, 2005. Members and guests will enjoy early access to the park, an all you-can-eat luncheon, and a pass for unlimited all-day use of rides and miniature golf. Thanks to Jeff Peebles of *East Valley Ski Club* for planning and coordinating this event each year.

Thank You to Volunteers!

Thank you to the hard-working volunteers that have brought their time, energy and talents to Arizona Ski Council and made our programs successful this year. Our representatives helped us in strengthening Arizona Ski Council and the programs and benefits offered to clubs and their members. ASC strives to provide service, rather than competition, to member clubs.

Special recognition goes to:

Council Officers:
Past President, Linda Westlund
Vice President, Arleigh Meiners
Treasurer, Greg Shaffer
Secretary, Thecla Chomicz
Race Director, Dan Romanenko

Club Reps:
Ken Sparks, Bob Owen, *Boeing Adventure Club*
Jeff Peebles, *East Valley Ski Club*
Joe Cusack, Ben Velasquez, *Motorola Ski Club*
Sam Harris, Gary Giertz, *Party Time Sports*
Ron LaMoureaux, Dave Towar, *Phoenix Ski Club*
Robin Georgeff, Sue Thiebes, *Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club*

ASC Communications: Marge Fons

ASC Racing Program: Dan Romanenko

ASC Charities Committee: Linda Westlund, Arleigh Meiners, Tony Davino, Joe Cusack, Nancy Robinson

ASC Trip Captains: Dan Romanenko, Telluride, Arizona Days
Ron LaMoureaux, Aspen, FWSA Ski Week

Looking Ahead to 2005-2006

Planning for 2005-2006 ski season trips is already underway. In addition, Arizona and the Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa have been chosen as the site for the 2006 FWSA convention in June 2006. Committees are already forming and volunteers lining up to make this “escape to the heat” a memorable experience.

Please join me in congratulating the 2005-2006 newly elected Officers of Arizona Ski Council:

President, Marge Fons (*Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club*)
Vice President, Sam Harris (*Party Time Sports*)
Secretary, Jeff Peebles (*East Valley Ski Club*)
Treasurer, Mary Beth Fitchlee (*Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club*)
Race Director, Jaan Vehik, (*Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club*)

Our ASC clubs have also elected new boards, with continuing board members helping to set direction, and new volunteers bringing new energy and fresh ideas.

Council Report

Bay Area Snow Sports Council by Dennis Heffley, President



Welcome to the 2005 Far West Ski Association (FWSA) Convention in beautiful Long Beach, California. BAC is very happy to support FWSA and our ski industry partners. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Los Angeles Council for the hard work, dedication and care in putting on this event. Along with that BAC wants to congratulate our candidates for FWSA Man/Woman of the Year, **Mr. Scott Bowker of the Après Ski Club** and **Ms. Kathy Silver of the Bota Bagger Ski Club**.

This is a very special Far West Ski Association Convention for all of us to be a part of. There is so much History and Tradition being shared here! I wonder how the convention in 2030 will compare!

The BAC had a busy year with ski club membership drives, the corporate discount program, traveling, racing and just skiing. We had a great turn out for the **Aspen / SnowMass ~ FWSA Ski Week**. There were 152 participants for the BAC bringing us the award for **Best Council** for the ski week! Great skiing, après parties, dinner and races were events that make FWSA Ski Week fun. BAC is looking forward to the FWSA 2006 trip to Telluride, Colorado. Japan was another Far West trip that we had people attending. Other ski trips that BAC and their clubs offered included Sun Valley, Park City, and Whistler. For 2006, BAC is planning a trip to Whistler/Blackcomb, Beaver Creek, Jackson Hole and other resorts to be determined at a later date.

Racing makes up a big part of the BAC. Open League and Singles League Race teams went to a number of local resorts in the Lake Tahoe area to race. Northstar, Alpine Meadows, Sugar Bowl, Heavenly, and Homewood were some of the resorts that hosted the races. Norcals was held at Alpine Meadows in April and the Far West Race Championships were held in March at Heavenly Valley. Open League Racing won Norcals and the Far West Race Championship with Single League coming in second at both. **Congratulations to all of BAC Racers!**

BAC supports and donates money to Disabled Sports USA (DSUSA), which sponsors the Tahoe Adaptive Ski School (TASS) at Alpine Meadows. BAC has as a special annual event ~ **The BAC/DSUSA Ski for All** hosted at Alpine Meadows this year during Norcal Championship Races. This year BAC raised again over \$20,000 for DSUSA. This year I visited many of the BAC clubs talking and **Sandy Kiyomura** wrote wonderful articles about TASS. But without the BAC we could never have been as successful to such a great cause. **THANK YOU ~ to all who participated in gathering donations!**

I am very lucky to hold the position of the President of the Bay Area Snow Sports Council. It is wonderful to have the support of such a great list of Past Presidents ~ Ms. Linda Yamaguchi, Ms. Karen Davis and Mr. Harry Davis who is also a Past President of the FarWest Ski Association!

For further information about the exciting year that we are planning for the BAC please go to www.skibac.org for updates.

In May elections were held for new board of directors. The BAC Board Members for 2005 – 2006 are as follows.

Secretary – **Mary Azevedo**
Treasurer – **Walter Johnson**
V.P. Travel - **Steve Grevstad**
V.P. Membership - **Michelle Nightengale**
BAC Webmaster – **Lee Holzscuh**
Open League President – **Sandra Heck**
League Race Chr – **Craig Faitel**
Community Services Chair – **Sandy Kiyomura**

Industry Liaison – **David Cunningham**
V.P. Communication – **Sig Kalteis**
V.P. Public Affairs – **Linda Indreboe**
Benefits Director - **Paula Kinahon**
Singles League President – **Karen Halpin**
Open League Race Chairperson – **Debi Phelps** Singles
Marketing Director – **Scott Bowker**
Historian – **Cosmo DiFrancesco**

I would like to acknowledge the following people who served on the BAC Board during 2004-2005. Their contributions, dedication and love for BAC are greatly appreciated. People like them help in making BAC successful.

Phyllis May – Secretary ~ **for the last 8 years!! We are going to miss you!!!**
Chuck Ranconcio – Singles League President

I always end my monthly BAC article by sharing *“You’re the one who makes the difference”*. EVERYONE that I’ve listed above ~ along with all of are volunteer members ~ *are the ones who make the difference!*

Council Report

**Central Council of California, Inc.
by Fran Long, President**



Central Council of California represents ski/snowboard and sports clubs throughout the central California area.. Membership in Central Council is free for all ski/snowboard and sports clubs serving members 21 and older. Central Council promotes skiing/riding and friendship among all its member clubs, safety on the slopes, and opportunities for enjoying the camaraderie of fellow skiers/riders. Our clubs serve adult skiers, snowboarders, and members interested in a variety of non-snow sports and activities.

Member clubs include:

Avalanche Ski and Sports Club of Bakersfield
Camber Ski Club of Salinas
SLO Skiers, Inc. of San Luis Obispo
Snow Trackers Ski Club of Exeter

Central Council sponsored two ski trips this year. Our first was a weekend trip to Mammoth Mountain, where about 40 members enjoyed outstanding snow (in a snow storm, of course)! While conditions were difficult for skiing, we all enjoyed our friendships and a great party on Saturday night, complete with our traditional jello shots in the hot tub.

In February, 24 members enjoyed the FWSA weeklong trip to Aspen/Snowmass. The weather and skiing were excellent and we all had a great time. Central Council was represented in the racing by 6 racers and 2 non-racers who were coaxed into helping us out in the Council Challenge. We fared well in the regular competition; each taking home at least two medals. Being good team players, we bailed San Diego out by taking the Anchor Award in the Council Challenge. We are already recruiting for next year!

In addition to the council trips we had this year, each of our member clubs had an active ski calendar. We had many skiers participate in weekend trips to Tahoe and Mammoth as well as week long trips to Vail and Park City.

All of our member clubs have active calendars throughout the year. Volleyball, bike riding, lake campouts, water skiing, etc. can be found on many summer calendars. In addition, Central Council sponsors a float trip on the Kings River in late June each year. This year's trip will be June 24-26, with camping and partying at Kelly's Beach in Reedley.

Congratulations to Central Council's Woman of the Year for 2005, Mary Alexander. Mary is a member of the Avalanche Ski and Sports Club of Bakersfield. She is trip director for her club, as well as trip director for Central

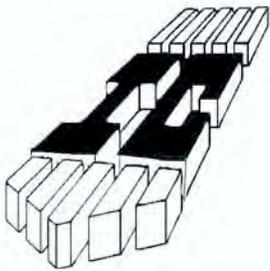
Council. She has been a ski club member and officer for many years and always does an excellent job. We are proud to have her represent Central Council as our Woman of the Year.

Ski clubs and ski councils are run by volunteers, and are only as good as the volunteers agreeing to run them. Central Council's 2005-2006 board of volunteers is ready to go!

President	Fran Long
Vice President of Finance and Treasury	Kiyomi Stineman
Vice President of Clubs	Billy Ellis
Director of Ski Trips	Mary Alexander
Director of Non-Ski Activities	Jayne Camic
Director of Alpine Racing	Jim Grady
Director of Nordic Skiing	Carollane Grady
Secretary	Donna Barnes

Council Report

Inland Council by Bud Allie, President



Inland Council is again very pleased to report the admission of a new club to the FWSA/FWRA family. The Flatlands Ski Club was formally accepted to the Inland Council on March 18, 2005. The club is based in Lee's Summit, Missouri with members residing all over west and mid-west regions of the country. The Flatlands club has been sending racers to Inland events for more than a decade, and has qualified pacesetters at Championships in each of the past four years. Hosting several events in Colorado each year, the club will be one of Inland's most active, and will offer new skiing and racing opportunities to its FWSA/FWRA sister clubs and leagues. Dan Crawford, Flatlands President, will represent the club on the Inland Council Board as

Vice President for Events and Travel. Dan will be in attendance at the Convention, so please help Inland extend a warm welcome to Dan and the entire Flatlands club.

The Sitzmarkers Club of Riverside had another great year and represented Inland at the 2005 Ski Week trip to Aspen - Snowmass. Our appreciation and congratulations are extended to trip leader Dennis Nickelson for a job well done. Dennis may share trip leader duties with Wayne Stolfus, also of the Sitzmarkers, for the 2006 Telluride trip. The Sitzmarkers host a wide variety of recreational and social events for singles in the Riverside/Corona/Moreno Valley/San Bernardino area.

The Blitzsnell club hosted six training camps this year, which represents a re-kindling of Blitzsnell's local racing program for kids and adults. While two of the camps were three-day events at Mammoth - not quite as local as we would like - four others were one-day events at Snow Valley. We are very optimistic about scheduling a couple of GS events for the coming season at Snow Valley, so save space for a local family race on your 2005-2006 calendars.

Finally, the Inland Board is sad to announce that Don Shore, our Past President and long time Inland skier, racer, club supporter, and leader has retired from skiing. Don was a member of the old Tyrolean club, the Sitzmarkers, the Funseekers, and was instrumental in founding the Blitzsnell club. After recovering from a life threatening motor scooter accident with his wife Diane in Tahiti two years ago and returning to slopes this year, Don suffered a broken leg descending the Cornice in February. After an impressive amateur athletic career that included hockey, soccer, and football as well as skiing, Don said that at seventy-one, the recovery period is just too long and too painful. Please join the Inland Board in expressing thanks to Don for decades of service to Inland clubs, the FWSA and the FWRA. We hope he will remain active as an advisory member of our governing board.

Inland Council Officers 2004-2005. Elections held in October.

President, Bud Allie

Vice President, Richard Orosco

Vice President Events and Travel, Dan Crawford

Statistician/Rules Chairman, Bob Warzynski

Secretary/Treasurer, Debbie Warzynski

Program Development, Ben Vandenberg

Past President, Don Shore

Council Report

Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs by Jacquie Nemor, President



Welcome to the FWSA 2005 75th Anniversary Convention.

As president of the Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs it is an honor to be a host to this convention. We have worked very hard over the past year under the tutelage of **Catherine Ohl**, chairperson for this convention. As you are enjoying the festivities you will be mingling with Olympians, skiing legends, resort representatives, and old and new friends. Be sure to visit the history exhibit area and reminisce about past ski club, council and Far West Ski Association history. We know you will enjoy every minute of this exciting convention.

The Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs represents 30 clubs that cover Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties. Whether it's winter or summer, all the clubs have a full calendar of events, including Rokka and ULLR league racing in the winter. You can find all the council and club activity information at www.lacouncil.org.

Each year, usually in November, we host a formal dinner dance to kick off the ski season and select our candidates for the FWSA Man and Woman of the Year award. This year **Elaine Guidotti** from **Tri Valley Ski Club** and **John Perkins** from **Conejo Ski and Sports Club** are our distinguished candidates. We wish the best for them.

Every year LAC sponsors a week-long ski trip. For the 2005-2006 season we are sponsoring two trips. We are joining FWSA in Telluride, February 4-12, 2006. The other trip is to Europe. It will be March 14 – 25, 2006 starting with a pre-trip to Prague and then skiing in Kitzbuhel, Austria. You are always welcome to join us on any trip or activity.

LA Council Officers 2005-2006

President: **Rinda Wohlwend**, Secretary: **Karen James**, Treasurer: **Ray Craig**, VP Membership: **Iris Williams**, VP Travel: **Bonnie West**, VP Competition: **Kathy Knott-Faris**, VP Programs: **Mary Albritton**, VP Communications: **Catherine Ohl ('05-06) & Gordon Cardona ('06-07)**, Past President: Jacquie Nemor.



Council Report

New Mexico Ski Club Council by Diane Stearley, President



The New Mexico Ski Club Council had one of its best ski seasons in a long time. The snow in New Mexico was awesome: providing a lot of local skiing. Our five clubs were in powder heaven! We are certainly hoping for a repeat next year.

However, our club members did trek out of state to destinations far and wide. Whistler, Vail, Telluride, Heavenly, Aspen., Steamboat, Purgatory, and Europe to name just a few.

The New Mexico Ski Club Council took about a dozen happy participants to the Far West Ski Week in Aspen this year for a wonderful time skiing, partying, carousing, and just having fun being together.

We already have quite a few signed up for next year to fabulous Telluride for Ski Week.

This year the New Mexico Ski Club Council was sad to lose one of its oldest ski clubs. But as the saying goes: “when a door closes a window opens”, and so, the other clubs expanded their membership as the disbanded club members looked for “new homes”.

It has been an exciting and fun year and we are all looking forward to another great year with all our wonderful Far West friends.

Happy Trails.

Council Report

Northwest Council by Steve Coxen, President

www.nwskiers.org



Northwest Ski Club Council represents 35 clubs and 9,000 ski club members in Oregon and Washington. Our clubs offer many skiing opportunities at the exceptional ski areas we have in the Northwest and some clubs offer choices for other regional and international trips. Northwest Council offered several trips and other activities during the year to complement the activities provided through the clubs.

2004-05 Ski Season

Northwest skiers kicked off the ski season with a trip to Beaver Creek and Vail in December. Twenty six skiers from Oregon and Washington traveled to Colorado on a joint trip with San Diego Council. The snow was terrific and the weather perfect. Many people skied at both Vail and Beaver Creek. We are planning another joint council trip with San Diego to a Colorado resort in December 2005.

Forty-four members of Northwest clubs attended the Far West Ski Week at Aspen/Snowmass in February and about half that number journeyed to St. Moritz in March on the Far West European Ski Week. The Far West travel program is gaining popularity among the Oregon membership. We are trying hard to spread awareness of the Far West travel opportunities to our Washington members.

Unlike last year, Northwest ski areas experienced very light and sporadic snowfall. This frustrated many Northwest skiers who took every opportunity to go skiing when there was snow. Our PACRAT Race League got off to a late start and many Council activities were postponed or cancelled. Council members traveled to Mt. Bachelor for a weekend get together in mid-March and we finished off our ski season with a trip to Banff and Sunshine Village in mid-April.

Public Affairs

Now in our third year, the Northwest Snowsports Advocates has a web page linked to the Northwest Council site at www.nwskiers.org. The web page provides information on Oregon and Washington ski areas with development projects and describes what actions we can take to show our support, either by writing letters to the US Forest Service or by appearing for public testimony. Our group believes that responsible ski area development can provide a better skiing and boarding experience for all of us while protecting the environment at the same time. In recent months, Linda McGavin and other Council members have written letters in support of development projects at Timberline, Cooper Spur, Mt. Ashland, Crystal Mountain and White Pass. These letters are posted on this webpage.

I attended a second meeting last June at historic Timberline Lodge to discuss how to protect Mt. Hood yet recognize that this unique mountain serves as a recreation destination for 6 million people who visit the area annually. This summit, titled "Mt. Hood: A Vision for the Future" discussed a proposal by Senator Ron Wyden to double the size of the protected wilderness area and another proposal to make Mt. Hood a national park. Northwest Council expects to participate in this process to make sure the voice of the western skier is heard.

Northwest Council has held a seat on the board of directors of Oregon Snowsport Industries Association for over 10 years. The Council maintains a close relationship with Oregon ski resorts and other businesses and associations involved in the ski industry – lodging, transportation, retail, manufacturing and tourism. Pacific

Northwest Ski Areas Association is also an active partner in OSIA. These industry organizations look to the Northwest Council for advice and representations of the skier's point of view.

Outreach Programs

Northwest Council participated in both NW industry trade shows this year. We had booths at the Washington State SnowSports Expo in Seattle and the Portland Ski Fever and Snowboard Show. Both shows were held in early November. The annual Council Ski Fair was also held in November. All three shows were excellent opportunities to interact with ski resort and industry representatives and with the general public.

Community Service

The PACRAT race league sponsored a Special Olympics team, 10 racers made up of Special Olympics athletes and coaches who competed in several 2005 PACRAT races. Northwest Council is working with other organizations to stage the Golden Rose Ski Classic on June 4th at Timberline Ski Area. This event has been a fundraiser for USSA junior racers for many years. Other club activities include fundraising and volunteer work for Special Olympics, highway cleanup on Mt. Hood, the annual Cancer Ski Out and other fundraising events for junior racing.

PACRAT Racing

We had 18 teams and 171 racers compete in the PACRAT alpine racing league, a division of FWRA. Four races were held on Mt. Hood at Mt. Hood Meadows and Timberline. Each team is made up of ten members, at all levels of racing abilities. Bergfreunde's team, Rattitudes, took first place this year. The post-season awards party was held April 15 at the Downtown Greek Cuisina in Portland. The PACRAT League has a new website at www.pacrats.org

Recognition

I would like to thank all members who worked on behalf of our clubs and Northwest Council during the 2004-05 year, especially the NWSCC Board of Directors: **John Reinhardt, Sylvia Kearns, Linda Coxen, Mary Olhausen, Linda McGavin, Debbi Kor and Jack Folliard.** Thanks also to **Marilyn Sigler**, for her efforts to organize the annual Council "Clubs 4-Play" golf tournament.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our Far West friends at the 75th Anniversary Convention in Long Beach. A huge thank you to all of the LA Council volunteers who have worked very hard to organize a fun and productive weekend for all of us.

Council Report

Orange Council of Ski Clubs by Nancy Sanford, President



ORANGE COUNCIL OF SKI CLUBS

Most of our member clubs meet in Orange County but we have a couple that meet in the Long Beach or Diamond Bar area. Our ten busy clubs that have a variety of activities that would please any skier, snowboarder, traveler, or social person who just loves to have fun.

We have gotten many calls from people inquiring about joining an Orange Council member club and they ask us which club they should consider. Our standard answer is to tell people they should go to several different club meetings, meet the people and officers who run those clubs. See what kind of ski trips, summer and winter social activities and even charitable things that the club typically has over the year. Check them out and then make a decision as to which one would be the best for you. Each club has its own personality and sometimes location isn't as important as finding folks that you want to spend your leisure and active time with.

Orange Council's motto since its inception has always been "Toward Better Skiing" and our clubs are constantly working to become more receptive to ideas and projects that will enhance the skiing and snowboarding experience. A proud member of the Far West Ski Association we participate in their very popular domestic ski week and some of our members have gone on the wonderful European ski weeks. These ski weeks help promote the friendship and enjoyment found by going with people having the same interests even though they are from different parts of the West and different age groups.

All our clubs in Orange Council are looking to increase membership, build better relationships with each other and others in the skiing industry. We have participated in several familiarization trips this season to new ski areas. This experience is invaluable to our clubs, with the participants bringing back important information and insights which they share with our whole group.

Orange Council had about 60 members participate in the FWSA 2005 Ski Week at Aspen/Snowmass and there are already 68 members signed up for the FWSA 2006 Ski Week at Telluride.

Look for us at the convention, say hello to our delegates. Join us in sharing the unique experience that brings us all together several times a year. We are looking forward to spending the weekend in Long Beach and being with friends once more.

Council Report

San Diego by Bobbie Owen, President



Welcome to the 2005 Far West Ski Association 73rd Annual Convention. We look forward to participating in this year's activities. Thank you Los Angeles Council and the FWSA staff for all your hard work.

San Diego Council of Ski Clubs enjoyed a wonderful ski season. We started the season with a great council trip to Vail/Beaver Creek. Followed by our clubs skiing in Salt Lake City resorts, Banff/Lake Louise, Winter Park, Innsbruck, Steamboat, Snowbird/Alta, Big White and Mammoth. We car-pooled to Mountain High. We traveled to Heavenly at Lake Tahoe for the Far West Racing Championships. Some of our club members participated in the FWSA trip to St. Moritz, Switzerland. In April we joined FWSA at the Mammoth Ski Club Appreciation Weekend.

One Hundred and twenty-five San Diegans ventured to Aspen/Snowmass for the FWSA Ski Week. Everyone enjoyed the great skiing and wonderful parties. The FWSA Ski Week to Telluride is selling fast. Visit our Council web site at www.skisandiego.org for a current list of council sponsored activities and link to our clubs.

Congratulations to **Gene Fulkerson** (Pacific Rim Alliance Ski Club) and **Cheryl Riess** (North Island Snowdrifters Ski Club) for representing San Diego in this year's Man and Woman of the Year competition.

I would like to extend a special thanks to our 2005/2006 Board of Directors and Club Representatives. These hard working volunteers make our programs successful. Special recognition goes to:

Executive Board: **Cheryl Riess**, Vice President
Michael German, Past President
Judy Schultheis, Treasurer
Rusty Etzel, Secretary
Susie Vetter, Travel Director

Appointed Board: **Connie Smith**, Activities Director
Michael Sanford, Public Affairs/Safety Director
Laura Meldrum, Communications Director

Club Representative: **James Dart**, Action Ski and Snowboard Club
Ed Langmaid, BAE Ski and Snowboard Club
Helen Harris, Don Diego Ski Club
Bob/Nony Milmo, Get Off Your Rockers Club
Ken Zuorro, North Island Snowdrifters Ski Club
Gene Fulkerson, Pacific Rim Alliance Ski Club
John Tyson, San Diego Ski Club
Bob Morton, Solar Ski Club
Sabina Alberti, Torrey Mesa Ski Club
Debbie Schroeder, Torrey Pines Ski Club

We look forward to another year of participation with the Far West Ski Association. Good luck to all the FWSA councils and hope to see you during the convention.

Council Report

Sierra Council by Barbara Bryant, President



Council Activities:

- ❖ Sierra Council / League Annual BBQ, Election of Officers, and Awards was held Saturday, April 16 at Mount Rose following a morning of spring skiing. Reno Ski & Rec joined us for their social ski day. Our major awards consisted of a **Legends Award** won by **John Manter**; the **Bill Ramoni Award** won by **Ted Mori**; and the **Lifesaver Award** shared by **Linda Hale** and **Kathy Stewart**. Race Awards are the “**Top Gun**” Award for most race points awarded to **Bill Ramoni**, and awards for the top five **men and top five women point earners**. **New racer Chris Parkhurst won the Most Improved Racer** title. Several humorous awards such as the “Lookin’ Good Award”; “Balls Out Award”; “Energizer Bunny”; “Band-aid Award”; and “First Sergeant Award”.
- ❖ Officers elected: **Steve Hilliker**, President; **Elaine Hilliker**, Vice-President; **Kimberly Parkhurst**, Secretary; **Frank App**, Treasurer; **Amur Rutz**, VP of Travel; **Neil Ordiers**, Head Gate Keeper; **Pavel Bosin**, Web Master; and **Beth Perryman**, Newsletter Editor.

Racing:

- ❖ Sierra League completed all eight league races – four slalom races and four giant slalom races. We coordinated our schedule with Far West Masters to enable our racers to race in one another’s races.
- ❖ Sierra League co-chaired Nor Cals at Alpine Meadows along with Singles and Open Leagues from the Bay Area. We hosted around 225 racers and gave out T-shirts to all participants. Spring snow conditions and huge class sizes led to a difficult slalom on Saturday, while winter snow and wind gales prevailed on Sunday, making those courses extremely hard.
- ❖ We also participated in the rescheduled FWRA Championships at Heavenly.

Charities and Community Service:

- ❖ Sierra League participated in the Code 3 races on April 7 at Northstar. The event benefits the Pacific Burn Institute. Sacramento Fagowees participates in Eppies Great Race which benefits the Sacramento Disabled Sports; Reno Ski & Rec held a benefit for the Great Basin Outdoor School.

Travel:

- ❖ **Reno Ski & Rec** traveled with USRSA to Bormio, Italy; **Sierra** brought 52 skiers to the FWSA Aspen Ski Week; we participated in the FWSA Ski Trip to St. Moritz and we will also be going on the Hawaiian cruise and to China. **Sacramento Fagowees** is planning their annual Clam Dig to Dillon Beach in June; **Reno Ski & Rec** will travel to Tonopah to Monte Cristo’s Castle and the Turquoise Mine May 6-8; **Reno** will also take their annual Houseboat Trip July 22-July 25 to Lake Shasta; camping at Lake Almanor in May and their Hail

to Summer / Farewell to Winter Trip to Mammoth Mountain in June; **Las Vegas Ski Club** plans a hiking and camping trip to Zion National Park; they are also planning a Valley of Fire Hiking Trip.

- ❖ **Sierra Council** led a trip into Coldstream Canyon to Lost Trail Lodge, a 4.5 mile snow shoe / cross-country ski trip. Stupendous scenery, hot tubbing, wine tasting, and a gourmet dinner / breakfast along with hunting for Easter eggs made this a memorable overnight outing.



Enjoy the Convention!